

A letter to God

1) Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like new coins?

Lencho said the raindrops were like new coins because he believed they would bring a good harvest. A good harvest meant money, so the rain felt like wealth falling from the sky.

2) What are the raindrops compared to and why?

The raindrops are compared to new coins. The big drops were like ten-cent coins, and the small ones like five-cent coins because Lencho thought they would bring him financial gain through a good crop.

3) "All through the night Lencho thought only of his one hope." What was it? How did he think of it?

Lencho's only hope was help from God. He believed that God would surely help him in his need, so he decided to write a letter asking for 100 pesos to sow his field again.

4) Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money?

Or

Why did Lencho become angry after receiving the money?

Lencho became angry because he received only 70 pesos instead of the 100 he had requested. He thought the rest had been stolen by post office employees.

5) "But don't send it to me through the mail, because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks." Why did Lencho say so? What is your impression of the post office employees?

Lencho said this because he believed the post office employees had taken some of the money sent by God. But in reality, the employees were kind-hearted and helpful—they collected money for Lencho out of generosity.

6) What did the postmaster do in order not to shake Lencho's faith in God?

To preserve Lencho's faith in God, the postmaster collected money from his salary and from other employees, then sent it in an envelope with a note signed as "God".

7) How did the postman and the postmaster react to Lencho's letter to God?

At first, they laughed at the idea, but then they were moved by Lencho's deep faith. They decided to help him by collecting money and sending it as if it came from God.

8) "It's really getting bad now," said Lencho. How did the rain become bad now?

The rain turned into a hailstorm, with large ice balls falling from the sky. It damaged Lencho's crops completely, which is why he said it was getting bad.

9) How did Lencho react to the help of the post office employees?

Lencho was ungrateful and suspicious. He believed that God had sent him the full amount but the post office employees had stolen part of it, so he called them "a bunch of crooks."

10. What did Lencho hope for?

Lencho hoped for a good rain to ensure a successful harvest

11. What happened to Lencho's field after the hailstorm?

The hailstorm destroyed Lencho's entire crop, leaving the field covered with ice and resembling a field of salt.

12. Why did Lencho write a letter to God?

Lencho wrote to God requesting 100 pesos to replant his fields and support his family after the destruction caused by the hailstorm.

13. How did the postmaster respond to Lencho's letter?

The postmaster was moved by Lencho's faith and decided to collect money from his colleagues and himself to send to Lencho, signing the letter as 'God'.

14. What does the story tell us about Lencho's character?

Lencho is portrayed as a deeply faithful and naive man who has unwavering trust in God but lacks trust in fellow humans.

15. What is the irony in the story "A Letter to God"?

The irony lies in Lencho's belief that God sent him the money, while he suspects the honest post office employees, who actually helped him, of theft.

16. How did the postmaster and his employees respond to Lencho's letter?

The postmaster and his employees were impressed by Lencho's faith in God. They collected money among themselves and sent it to Lencho to help him in his time of need.

17. How did Lencho console his family?

Lencho consoled his family by saying that God's help would surely come. He had strong faith that no one is ever truly alone and that God always helps the needy.

18. What did Lencho do throughout the morning?

Lencho worked in his fields throughout the morning. He looked at the sky, hoping for rain to water his crops and ensure a good harvest.

19. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's field?

The rain turned into a violent hailstorm. As a result, Lencho's entire crop was destroyed, leaving his field covered in ice and ruined.

20. Why did the postmaster send a reply to Lencho?

The postmaster was touched by Lencho's faith in God. To preserve that faith, he sent a reply along with some money collected from the staff.