

## UNIT-5

## THE RAIN (POEM)

بارش

## WORDS MEANING:

Words	Meaning	Words	Meaning
Rich	Fertile	Bright q	Shining
Sight	Scene	Comes out	Appears
Shines	Glow	Wondrous	Strange

## TRANSLATION:

(ONLY FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING)

- 1
- بارش سے سیراب ہوتے ہوئے پتوں کی آواز مجھے سنائی  
دے رہی ہے۔
- 2
- اور جب سورج طلوع ہوتا ہے  
اس بارش کے رکنے بعد  
ہر تار یک گول قطرے کو! (سورج چکائے گا)  
میں یہ امید کرتا ہوں کہ سورج خوب چمکے گا  
یہ ایک حسین منظر ہوگا
- میں اوپر کے گھنے پتوں پر بارش برسنے کی آواز سنتا ہوں  
جب نچلے کم گھنے پتوں پر ٹپکتے ہیں  
قطرہ قطرہ کر کے  
یہ شور پر کیف (خوشگوار) لگتا ہے  
یہ سبز پتے (بارش کے پانی سے) سیراب ہو رہے ہیں۔

## A. Give an antonym for each given word and make sentences with both words

- Rich: Poor**  
The rich must help the poor.  
Zakat should be given to the poor Muslims.
- Top: Bottom**  
I got the top position in the annual examinations.  
My class fellow was at the bottom of the list in the first term examinations.
- Near: Far**  
My school is very near to my house.  
My school is not far from the hostel.
- Light: Dark**  
The train could be seen in the light.  
Many children are afraid of the dark.
- Bright: Dim**  
The sun shines brightly in the summer season.  
I could not recognize my friend in the dim light.
- Noise: Silence**  
Don't make a noise in the class.  
Silence prevails in the evening.

7. **Lovely: Ugly**  
He has a lovely voice.  
A fight started and everything got very ugly

**B. Read the following sentences.**

Answer the question given below

Answer

Yes, three words have approximately the same denotation.

To 'astonish' also means, Shock, Startle

He would be astonished to see the ghost.

**C. Which connotation is more positive?**

- (i) Wonderful
- (ii) Brave
- (iii) Fascinating
- (iv) Amusing
- (v) Smile

**D. Which connotation is more negative?**

- (i) Cheap
- (ii) Soggy
- (iii) Smirk
- (iv) Frightened

**E. Give synonym for the following words.**

Words	Synonyms
Shine	Glaze
Bright	Illuminated- Vivid
Noise	Clamour
Lovely	Pretty - adorable

**TEXTUAL QUESTIONS**

- (i) What do the rich and poor leaves stand for?

Ans. The poet use figurative language personification where upper leaves stand for rich people and lower leaves symbolize poor people

- (ii) Do you also like the sun coming out after rain why?

Ans. Yes I also like it. Sun shine after rain creates fascinative, lively and lovely sight. It shows happiness after difficulty, light after dark.

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**A. Answer the following question**

1. What does the poet hear?

Ans: The poet hears the sound of rain drops falling on the leaves.

2. What according to the poet is a sweet noise?

Ans: According to the poet, the sound of rain drops falling on the leaves is a sweet noise.

3. What will happen after the rain stops?

Ans: After the rain stops, a lovely and charming light will fill each dark place.

4. How does the sun come out after the rain?

Ans: After the rain, the sun breaks though the clouds. It shines bright.

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5. How does the light fill the drops?

Ans: After rain the sun shines bright. The sunshine fills every drop with light. Every drop begins to shine in the rays.

6. What makes the scene lovely?

Ans: After the rain when the sun shines brightly, it makes the scene lovely.

**B. Select the choice that explains the meaning of the metaphor as it is used in the sentence.**

- i) C      ii) B      iii) A      iv) A      v) B      vi) C

**C. Identify use of metaphor in the poem and answer these questions.**

1. What do the rich leaves symbolize?

Ans: They may symbolize the rich people who are always on the top and enjoy the blessings of life.

2. What do the poor leaves stand for?

Ans: They may symbolize the poor people who get alms coin after coin from the rich people.

3. What does the sun symbolize?

Ans: The sun symbolizes equality and impartiality because it shines equally upon all. It is the symbol of life, glory and vitality.

**D. Identify the use of personification in the poem and answer these questions.**

1. Which object is being personified in the poem?

Ans: Leaves have been personified.

2. Which human traits are given to that object?

Ans: The human qualities of drinking and giving have been given to the leaves in the poem.

### GRAMMAR

**A. Pick out the verb in each sentence and state whether it is transitive or intransitive.**

- i) I      ii) T      iii) T      iv) T      v) T      vi) I      vii) T

**B. Make two sentences with each of the given words.**

Use these first as a transitive verb and then as an intransitive.

(i) Write

Let them write.

Intransitive

I am writing a letter.

Transitive

(ii) Play

Let us play.

Intransitive

I play hockey.

Transitive

(iii) Sing

He can sing beautifully.

Intransitive

He is singing some old songs.

Transitive

(iv) Read

Read the lesson.

Intransitive

I read all the day long.

Transitive

(v) Plan

Their plan succeeded.

Intransitive

I am planning to build a new house.

Transitive

(vi) Move

Don't move here.

Intransitive

I moved my car to the right.

Transitive

**C. Fill in the Blanks with appropriate prepositions.**

- i) up                      ii) in                      iii) above              iv) in                      v) by  
vi) to                      vii) in front              viii) in

**D. Put these prepositions appropriately.**

Around into on out of through under up

- i) under                  ii) up                      iii) on                      iv) around                  v) into                  vi) out of

**E. Put in the correct form of the verb to complete the following sentences in passive voice.**

- i) were sent              ii) was not stolen              iii) was being opened  
iv) was invited              v) was being given

**WRITING SKILLS:****A. Write the main idea of the poem.**

This poem has a symbolic meaning. The upper leaves symbolize rich people. The lower thin leaves symbolize the poor people. The poet hopes that there would be equality in the society as the sunshine spreads all over the world equally.

**B. Paraphrase the stanzas of the poem****STANZA NO 1:**

In this stanza, the poet hears the sound of falling rain on leaves. The leaves seem to be drinking rain water. The top leaves are falling rain drops on the lower leaves. The music produced by the falling rain on the leaves is soft and sweet.

**STANZA NO 2:**

When the rain stops, the sun will come out. The sunshine will spread everywhere. The poet says that the sun will brighten the dark round drop. It will indeed be a lovely sight.

**MAIN THEME**

This symbolic and moralistic poem has been written by W.H Davies. The poet skillfully expresses the natural phenomenon that rich people get the golden chances of comfort and success. The poor people get less provisions in the life. Whatever remains from rich people trickles down to the poor people. But in the sight of Allah Almighty all the people are equal. When the sun shines, it spreads its light equally without any discrimination. The poet hopes that time will come, there will be equality and justice in the society. It will be lovely scene when all the people will be happy and prosperous.

**SUMMARY**

"The Rain" is a short, beautiful symbolic poem written by W.H. Davies. The poet's favourite themes are Nature and hardships of life.

In this poem, the poet wants to describe that discrimination has prevailed in our all walks of life. Through the simple sight of rain, it leaves the amazing impact of nature upon human soul. The poem is a simple description of the sight of rain. The rain drops fall on top thick leaves. Then the rain water drips drop after drop on the lower thin leaves. The top thick leaves are the symbol of rich people who are enjoying the blessings of the world. But they are very uncharitable and give alms to the poor whatever remains. The lower thin leaves are the symbol of poor people. However, the rain stops and the sun comes out. It shines equally upon all. It blesses the rich as well as the poor. Its beautiful light brightens up each drop. It is a very charming and worth-seeing sight. This sight is a great pleasure for the poet because the sun shines all over the world equally. This kindness of the sun makes the noise of rain lovely which cheers up the poet.

In short, the worth of the poem is two-fold. It is a moralistic and didactic poem. The language of the poem is very easy and understandable. Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing. (John Ruskin)