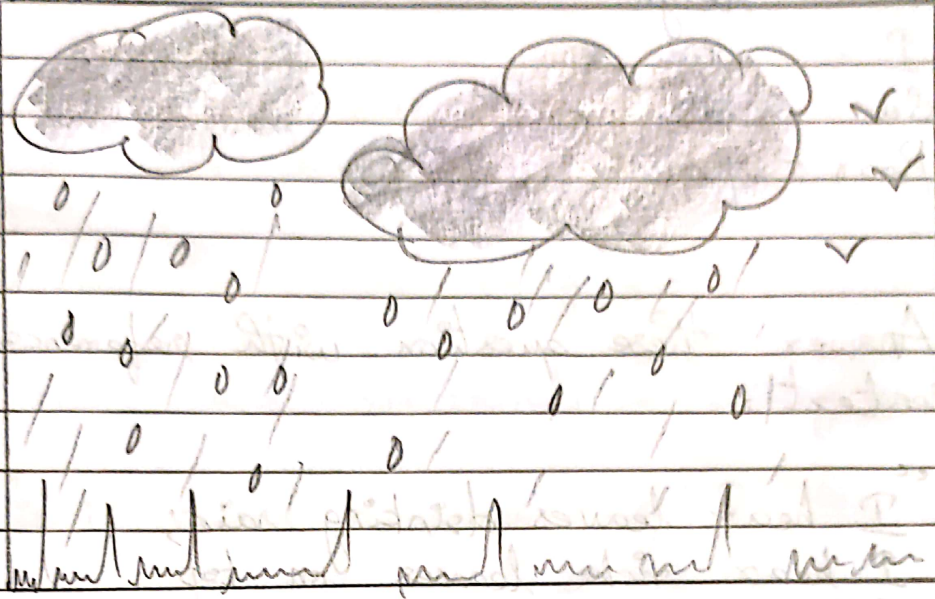


POEM - THE RAIN

- July

I. Illustration:



ii. Synonyms:

1. beneath - below
2. wondrous - amazing
3. hope - wish
4. lovely - beautiful
5. sight - view

iii. Antonyms:

1. rich - poor
2. sweet - bitter
3. dark - light / bright
4. bright - dull
5. stop - start

iv. Homophones ..

1. hear - here
2. rain - reign
3. I - eye
4. Sun - son
5. Poor - pour

(V) A. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

1. "I hear leaves drinking rain;
I hear rich leaves on top
Giving the poor beneath
Drop after drop;

(i) Why does the poet say 'leaves drinking rain'?

Ans: The poet says "leaves drinking rain" because the leaves soak up the raindrops falling on them, just like someone drinking water. It's a poetic way of describing rain falling on leaves.

(ii) Explain in your own words how the 'rich leaves' give rainwater to the 'poor beneath'.

Ans: Rain falls on the tall "rich" leaves at the top first, then drips down onto the "poor" leaves below.

(iii) Name the rhyming words in these lines.
* top - drop
* hear - near

(2) 'Tis a sweet noise to hear
These green leaves drinking near.

(i) Where is the 'noise' coming from?

Ans: The 'noise' comes from raindrops falling on leaves.

(ii) Why is it called a 'sweet noise'?

Ans: It's called 'sweet' because the poet finds the sound of rain pleasant to hear.

(iii) Can you describe the noise in different way?

Ans: Yes. words like + pitter-patter
+ drip - drop.

(3) "A wondrous light will fill
Each dark, round drop;
I hope the Sun shines bright;
'Twill be a lovely sight."

(i) Explain 'wondrous light' in your own words.

Ans: "Wondrous light" means the bright, beautiful sunshine after rain.

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(ii) What is the hope that the poet expresses in these lines?

Ans. The poet hopes that once the rain stops, the sun will shine brightly, making everything look lovely and glowing.

(iii) Is the tone of the last line of this extract happy or sad? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. The tone of the last line is "happy". The poet says this to show joy and excitement at the thought of the bright sunshine after the rain.

(B) Answer these questions briefly.

1) What does the poet hear when the rain falls?

Ans. The poet hears the sound of leaves drinking the falling raindrops.

2) How does the poet describe the sound of the rain?

Ans. The poet describes the sound of rain as a 'sweet noise'. a gentle, pleasant sound made by drops falling one after another onto the green leaves.

3) Why are the leaves called 'rich' and 'poor'?

Ans. The leaves at the top are "rich" as they get rain first. The leaves below are called "poor" because they only get the leftover drops from rain.

4) What happens when the rain stops?

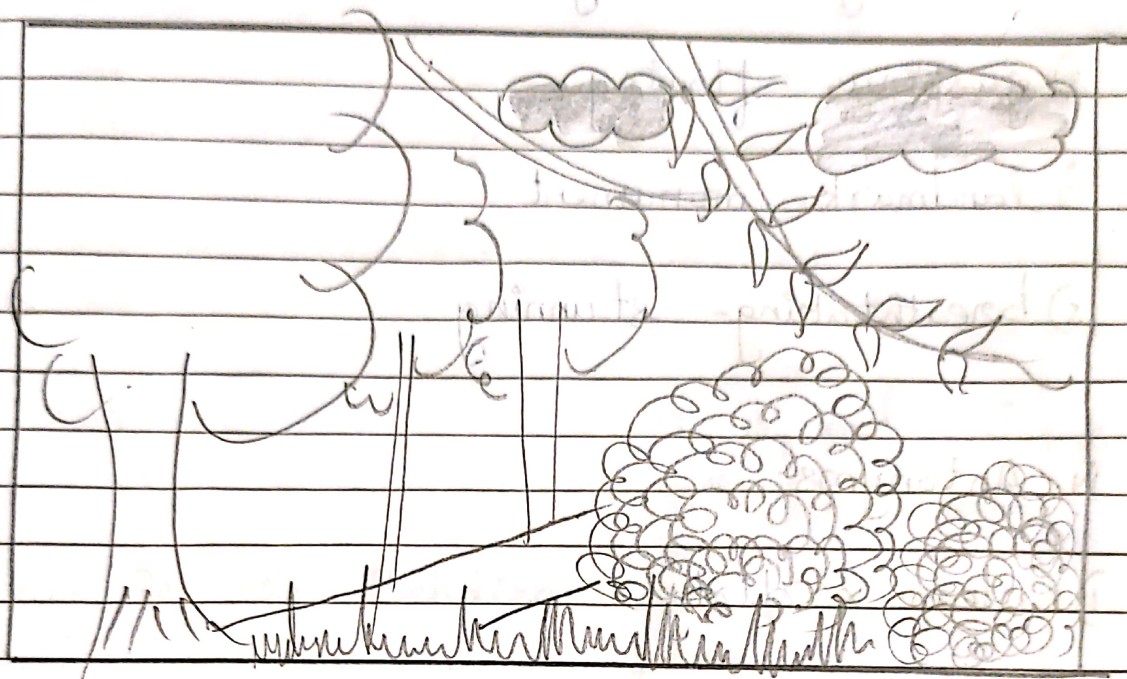
Ans. When the rain stops, the sun fills each raindrop with a beautiful, wondrous light.

5) How will the scene change when the sun shines?

Ans. When the sun shines, the gloomy scene turns bright and lovely, sparkling like a beautiful sight.

MAWLYNNONGI: THE CLEANEST VILLAGE IN INDIA - July

I. Illustration:



II. Key words:

1. Accolades
2. Literacy
3. manure
4. defaulters
5. Breathtaking
6. Empowerment
7. harvest
8. Prohibit
9. heritage
10. greenery

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iii. Synonyms:

- 1) organically - naturally
- 2) soothing - calming
- 3) gushing - flowing
- 4) landmark - monument
- 5) breathtaking - stunning

iv. Antonyms:

- 1) clean x dirty
- 2) reduce x increase
- 3) organic x artificial
- 4) bio-degradable x Non-biodegradable
- 5) empowerment x oppression

v. Homophones:

- 1) Sun - Son
- 2) Flower - Flour
- 3) Waste - Waist
- 4) See - Sea
- 5) Road - Rode

vi. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

i) "Travellers also like to visit the village during festive celebrations. Behdienkhlam is a dance festival and is celebrated after the sowing period, invoking God for bumper harvest."

(a) When do travellers like to visit Mawlynnong village?

Ans: Travellers like to visit Mawlynnong village during festive celebrations.

(b) Why is the Behdienkhlam festival celebrated?

Ans: The Behdienkhlam festival is celebrated after the sowing period, invoking God for a bumper harvest.

vii. Answer these questions:

i) Which is the best time to visit Mawlynnong village?

Ans: The best time to visit Mawlynnong village is during the 'monsoon' (rainy season) when the village turns lush green.

2) Which are the main festivals celebrated in the village?

Ans: The main festivals celebrated in the village are

- * Behdienkhlam
- * Wangala
- * Nongkrem dance festival

3) Mention three reasons related to cleanliness which has helped the village to be declared the cleanest village.

Ans: Three reasons for the village's cleanliness:

- ⇒ bamboo dustbins outside every house
- ⇒ functional toilets since 2007,
- ⇒ banning of plastic bags and smoking.

4) What is the sky view tower?

Ans: The Sky view tower is an 85-feet high tower made of bamboo, offering a breathtaking view of the village.

5) What is the best part about the food you eat in Mawlynnong?

Ans: The best part about the food in Mawlynnong is that all of it is grown organically, without artificial chemicals.