

Sudden Storm

This task is about understanding the language used in a poem.

Read the poem *Sudden Storm* by Elizabeth Coatsworth (*Junior Journal* 5, 1990). Then answer the following questions.

a) Why do the umbrellas appear?

b) What are "red, blue, yellow and green"

c) Write down the two words in the poem that describe how umbrellas "move like flowers".

 and

d) The poem starts with the words, "the rain comes in sheets". What does this mean?

e) The poem says umbrellas "grow when it showers." What does this mean?

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