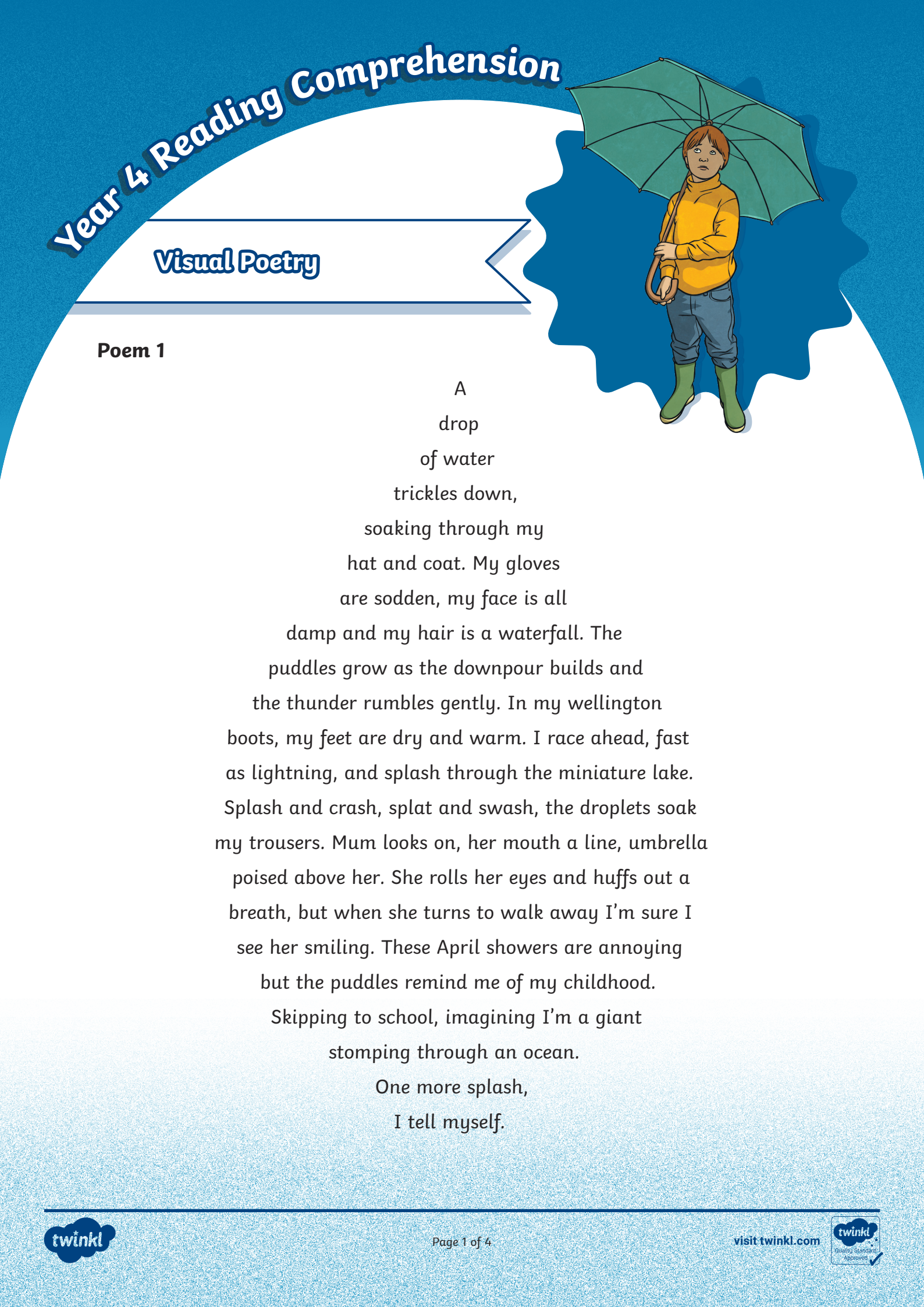




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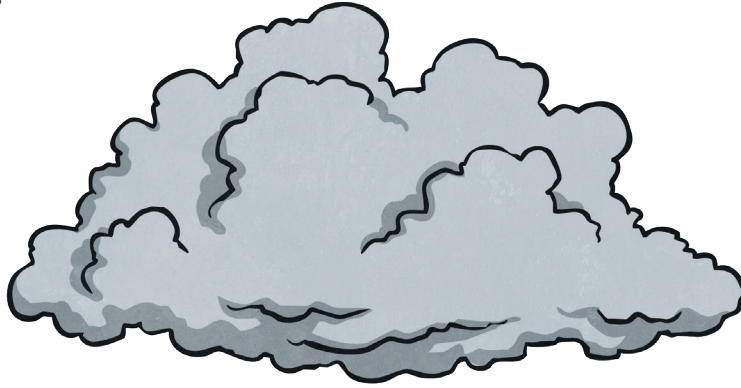
Visual Poetry

Poem 1

A
drop
of water
trickles down,
soaking through my
hat and coat. My gloves
are sodden, my face is all
damp and my hair is a waterfall. The
puddles grow as the downpour builds and
the thunder rumbles gently. In my wellington
boots, my feet are dry and warm. I race ahead, fast
as lightning, and splash through the miniature lake.
Splash and crash, splat and swash, the droplets soak
my trousers. Mum looks on, her mouth a line, umbrella
poised above her. She rolls her eyes and huffs out a
breath, but when she turns to walk away I'm sure I
see her smiling. These April showers are annoying
but the puddles remind me of my childhood.
Skipping to school, imagining I'm a giant
stomping through an ocean.
One more splash,
I tell myself.

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Poem 2



The rain is clattering, pouring, pooling
 Battering against the rooftops
 Icy needles crashing down to Earth
 Snaking along the windows
 A sudden silence, a flash of light
 Thunder claps in the darkness.

Poem 3

_____ No _____ weather

_____ was _____

_____ more intent upon its purpose, _____

_____ pelting rain _____

_____ heaviest rain, _____

_____ and sleet _____

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Questions

1

Which one of these poems is a blackout poem?

2

What are all these poems about?

3

In poem 1, how does the writer feel about their situation?

4

Can you find an example of a simile and a metaphor in poem 1?

Simile: _____

Metaphor: _____

5

Find 4 examples of onomatopoeia in poem 1.

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6

In poem 2, how does the writer let you know that the rain is heavy?

7

Which adjective best describes the tone of poem 2?

joyful

peaceful

tense

8

What is the flash of light in poem 2?

No weather was more intent upon its purpose...

9

What does this sentence mean in poem 3?

10

Which poem do you like the best and why?

Answers

1

Which one of these poems is a blackout poem?

Poem 3

2

What are all these poems about?

Rain

3

In poem 1, how does the writer feel about their situation?

The writer is annoyed by the rain but they like splashing in the puddles as it reminds them of childhood.

4

Can you find an example of a simile and a metaphor in poem 1?

Simile: **fast as lightning**

Metaphor: **my hair is a waterfall or her mouth a line**

5

Find 4 examples of onomatopoeia in poem 1.

splash

splat

crash

swash

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6

In poem 2, how does the writer let you know that the rain is heavy?

The writer uses strong verbs such as clattering, battering and crashing to describe the rain. The shape of the poem also looks like rain falling sideways which it does when it is heavy.

7

Which adjective best describes the tone of poem 2?

joyful

peaceful

tense

8

What is the flash of light in poem 2?

lightning

No weather was more intent upon its purpose...

9

What does this sentence mean in poem 3?

The rain is so heavy that it seems like it is wanting to cause a problem such as a flood.

10

Which poem do you like the best and why?

Child's own answer.

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