

## “Rainy Day”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

My name is Mimi.  
Today is July 5, 2010.  
Today is a rainy day.  
I am happy today.



Why am I happy?  
I am happy because it is raining!  
Is that strange?  
Well...maybe.

But I like it when it rains. The rain makes me happy.  
I like rainy days. I do not like sunny days.

I like the sound of the rain.  
I like the clouds. The clouds are gray. The clouds are big.  
I like the rain.

### Questions:

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| <p>1) What is the weather like in the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. It is hot and sunny.</li><li>B. It is cool and cloudy.</li><li>C. It is dark and snowy.</li><li>D. It is cloudy and rainy.</li></ul> | <p>2) What is the date in the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. March 4, 2012</li><li>B. July 5, 2010</li><li>C. April 10, 1990</li><li>D. November 28, 1987</li></ul>  |
| <p>3) Why is Mimi happy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. because it is her birthday</li><li>B. because she passed the test</li><li>C. because it is raining</li><li>D. because she won the game</li></ul>         | <p>4) Does Mimi like sunny days?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Yes, she does like sunny days.</li><li>B. No, she does <u>not</u> like sunny days.</li></ul>  |
| <p>5) What are the clouds like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. high and red</li><li>B. blue and scary</li><li>C. big and gray</li><li>D. green and small</li></ul>   | <p>6) What does Mimi like about the rain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. the smell of the rain</li><li>II. the sound of the rain</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. I only</li><li>B. II only</li><li>C. I and II</li></ul> |

## Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

At the beginning of the story, Mimi says, "Today is a rainy day." We can understand from this that it is rainy. At the end of the story, Mimi says, "The clouds are gray. The clouds are big." We can understand from this that it is cloudy. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

Since we know that it is rainy and there are big, gray clouds, it is not hot and sunny. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. We know that it is cloudy, but the story does not say that it is cool. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. The clouds might make it dark, but it is rainy, not snowy. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

2) **B**

At the beginning of the story, Mimi says, "Today is July 5, 2010." Therefore, **(B)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **C**

Near the beginning of the story, Mimi says, "I am happy today. Why am I happy? I am happy because it is raining!" We can understand from this that Mimi is happy because it is raining. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **B**

Near the end of the story, Mimi says, "I do not like rainy days." Therefore **(B)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choice **(A)**. Therefore it is incorrect.

5) **C**

Near the end of the story, Mimi says, "The clouds are gray. The clouds are big." We can understand from this that the clouds are big and gray. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

6) **B**

Mimi does not say anything about the smell of the rain. This eliminates **option (I)**. Near the end of the story, Mimi says, "I like the sound of the rain." This supports **option (II)**. Therefore **(B)** is correct.