

# One Big Rain: Poems for Every Season

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Twenty rain poems take us through the four seasons of the year.



## Strategy Instruction Possibilities

### *Comprehension:*

- **Make a picture or mental image (p.10).**
  - "This rain is long and cold and gray, yet sleeping roots are fed this way."
  - "Trees and bushes, nearly bare of leaves, now chains of raindrops wear along each twig."
- **Check for understanding (p.8).**
  - After reading the first stanza ask students, "What is the wailing sound of wind around?"
  - In the second stanza, stop and ask, "What are *bare, dead boughs*? What does *sway against my pane* mean?"

### *Accuracy:*

- **Flip the sound (p.14).**
  - Focus on the short i and long i words, modeling this strategy.
    - pinging, stinging, tonight, bright, blinking, sunwinking, noonwind, brittle, clinking
- **Chunk letters and sounds together (p.14)**
  - -ing ending
  - sunwinking (sun/wink/ing)
  - harvesting (har/vest/ing)

### *Fluency:*

- **Adjust and apply different reading rates to match text (p.26).**
  - "long muggy hanging day"
  - "raindrops started so sparse"

### *Expand Vocabulary:*

- **Use prior knowledge and context to predict and confirm meaning (p.14).**
  - pinging rain
  - stinging sleet
  - ice-bearing trees

*This text can be used with nearly any strategy on the CAFE menu. The above strategies are a highlighted collection to use as a springboard for further instruction.*