



A Barefoot
Discussion
Guide

I Like the Rain Discussion Guide

Reading Response Questions

1. What do the children see, hear, and feel in *I Like the Rain*?
2. What is your favorite rainy picture in the book? What do you like about this picture?
3. Look through your windows. How does rain help your neighborhood?
4. What do you like best about rainy days?

Playing with Language

Poems play with words. In *I Like the Rain*, the rain is falling in “silver streaks” and the storm clouds are “drumming.” Raindrops aren’t really silver, but when lots of rain falls, the rain can have a silvery look. The storm clouds don’t really drum, but thunder in the distance might sound like the boom-da-da-booms of big drums. The words create lively pictures and sounds in our minds. That’s poetry!

On the first page of the book, the rain “speaks.” Of course the rain isn’t alive like you and me, and it can’t really speak. (This is the author playing with words!) However, the children can hear and feel the rain. It’s like a welcoming hello.

How does the rain “speak” to the children in the book?
Does the rain ever speak to you? How?

Outdoor Inquiry

Is today a rainy day? Pull on your rain gear and head outdoors! How do raindrops feel on your face? How do raindrops taste? What sounds does the rain make? Can you catch some raindrops in your hands? What color is the rain? Does rain have a smell? How many rain puddles can you find? Do they make you want to jump?!



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