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UNIT 11 – THE STORM

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11A Introduction

The thunder is loud. The lightning crashes. The rain pours and pours. Little balls of ice even start falling from the sky. You're on a school bus on your way to school. Are you feeling brave?

11B Song Lyrics

I woke up one morning, yawning,
It wasn't sunny out; no, son, it was pouring.
It was a **typical** day though, just like the others,
I hopped on the bus with Dave, my brother.
But while we were telling jokes in our seats,
We heard thunder and some kids freaked.
I wasn't paying attention, I was **distracted**
By the comic books that my brother had in his lap.
And anyway, a little thunder never ruffled my feathers,
Uh-uh, I'm cool with the weather every day.
But, yeah, it's true
That it had started to thunder, and lightning, too.
Now, maybe I should mention; I think it's important,
That I'm kind of short and I'm in kindergarten.
Usually I **prefer** and like it better,
When the weather isn't dry; no, it's a little wetter.
But this storm was **severe**, intense and harsh,
Man, it was not normal at all,
Because little balls of ice, we call them hail,
Uh-huh, they began to fall as well.
And the sound was kind of spooky to us,
'Cause we could hear the **hail** hit off the roof of the bus.
Some kids started screaming, and crying, too,
This was not your typical ride to school.

*Sometimes you got to just step up,
Just step up, just step up.
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Now the lightning had stopped but the rain still fell,
Some kids were still spooked, I was feeling chill.
But pretty soon we got into trouble,
Because the bus ran through a giant puddle.
And some of the water must have splashed up in the engine,
The bus stopped, like our trip was ending.
The bus driver said, "I'm afraid we're stuck."
Tried to use his phone,
But didn't get an answer or **response**.
Yep, but then he said, "There's a gas station about a mile ahead.
I don't walk too well on one leg; I **limp**,
Is there a kid who could go ahead and get help?"
All the kids looked at Dave,
My brother, who's the biggest kid in the fifth grade.
Yeah, we all waited and looked at Dave,
I asked, "Do you feel **valiant** and brave?"
But Dave shook his head and said, "No,
I hate to **reveal** this, and make it known,
But I'm too scared to walk all the way alone,
I'm scared like Dorothy and Toto."
Now, I knew if no one went, we would be stuck,
Sometimes it takes one person to step up.
So I did the **noble** thing that deserves respect,
I told the driver that I would go ahead.
I walked through the rain for a couple of yards,
When I heard Dave's voice: "Hey, wait up!"
I guess you could say I was brave,
Walking through the rain, all the way, yeah, just to save the day.
You need to be smart, but I'm not scared,
"Fear" is so last year...
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11C Words Defined

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distract

(verb) To draw attention to something else; to confuse or disturb.

*Becky was trying to do her homework, but she was **distracted** by the TV*

hail

(noun) Small lumps of frozen rain. *The **hail** was falling so fast and hard that we could hear it thumping off the porch.*

(verb) To cheer, welcome, or compliment. *The soldiers were **hailed** for their victory.*

limp

(verb) To walk awkwardly or in an uneven way. ***Limping** away from the fight, the young lion realized that he shouldn't mess with the lion king.*

noble

(adj) 1. Deserving of respect; impressive. *Robby did the **noble** thing and helped carry his sister home when she fell in the mud.* 2. Of a high rank in society. *While the poor people worked day after day, the **noble** class sat on big pillows and talked about horses.*

prefer

(verb) To like better; to choose first. *I like eating oranges, but I **prefer** eating oranges and listening to music.*

response

(noun) A reply or answer; a reaction to something. *Paul's **response** to hearing that he got an A on his math test was to high-five everyone in the classroom.*

reveal

(verb) To make known; to uncover. *Manny finally **revealed** the real reason why he wanted to sit at the front of the classroom: He couldn't see very well.*



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severe



Very strict or harsh. *Dad, you can't make me stop playing video games for a week! That punishment is too **severe**.*

typical



Being like others of its kind; normal. *On a **typical** Saturday, Juana gets up at 10, eats breakfast, and then goes over to her best friend's house.*

valiant



Full of courage; brave. *The **valiant** mouse ran right out onto the floor and grabbed some cheese from under the cat's nose.*



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11D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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1. full of courage	severe	valiant	typical
2. of a high rank in society	noble	typical	severe
3. to uncover	distract	reveal	hail
4. to walk in an uneven way	hail	distract	limp
5. to like better	prefer	reveal	distract



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11E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

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1. Margie's _____ to my question was "No way!"

reveal

response

hail

2. Bud had a _____ cold that kept him out of school for a week.

severe

typical

noble

3. I _____ Tony while his sister set up his surprise party.

revealed

hailed

distracted

4. The sailor _____ the visitors and welcomed them onto his boat.

distracted

hailed

limped

5. A _____ day for most people involves waking up and eating breakfast.

noble

valiant

typical



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11F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

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1. The magician removed the sheet from the cage to show that the dove had turned into a flower!

2. It's hard for me to do homework if the TV is on.

3. Miranda stood up to the bully who was picking on Darryl, even though he was twice as big as her.

4. I help feed homeless people on Thanksgiving because it is the right thing to do.

5. I had a great answer to the question.



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11G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

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1. What is something that **hail** could do?

- (A) run
- (B) scream
- (C) melt
- (D) climb

2. A **typical** fourth grader would

- (A) weigh more than 300 pounds
- (B) be less than six feet tall
- (C) have red hair and blue eyes
- (D) not go to school

3. What would be a **severe** punishment for talking in class?

- (A) being sent to jail
- (B) having the teacher say, "Be quiet!"
- (C) getting a candy bar
- (D) asking a question

4. It might be difficult for someone with a **limp** to

- (A) eat
- (B) play the piano
- (C) swim
- (D) run long distances

5. What question asks what someone **prefers**?

- (A) "Who was the first president of the United States?"
- (B) "How do you feel today?"
- (C) "What are you wearing?"
- (D) "Do you like oranges or apples?"



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11H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow

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Strange Rain

Have you ever read the book *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*? The book is about a strange town called Chewandswallow. In Chewandswallow, food and beverages fall from the sky. When it rains, soup falls from the sky. When it **hails**, the hail is made of meatballs! The town of Chewandswallow is not real, of course. Food cannot fall from the sky. But would you believe that animals can?

In 1995, a woman named Nellie Straw was driving in Scotland when she was caught in a **severe** storm. Suddenly, hundreds of frogs began landing on her car. She looked around to see where the frogs were coming from. One look up **revealed** the source of the frogs. They were dropping out of the sky, like rain!

Frogs are not the only animals that fall from the sky. Rains of fish and birds have also been known to happen. In 2007, the town of Jennings, Louisiana, was hit by a rain of worms!

Scientists have an interesting **response** for why it rains animals. Sometimes during storms, little tornadoes can form. These tornadoes can pick up animals like fish and frogs from lakes. The animals are sucked up into the clouds. After a while, the winds die down and the animals fall from the sky. Most of the time, the animals that rain are still alive!

It is not **typical** for animals to fall from the sky. Most people live their whole lives without seeing frog rain. However, you never know when it will happen. So the next time it rains, be sure to remember your umbrella...and your helmet!

1. What falls from the sky in the town of Chewandswallow?

2. Who is Nellie Straw?

3. What are three animals that have been known to fall from the sky?



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4. How do fish and frogs get into clouds?

5. Why does the author say you should wear a helmet the next time it rains?

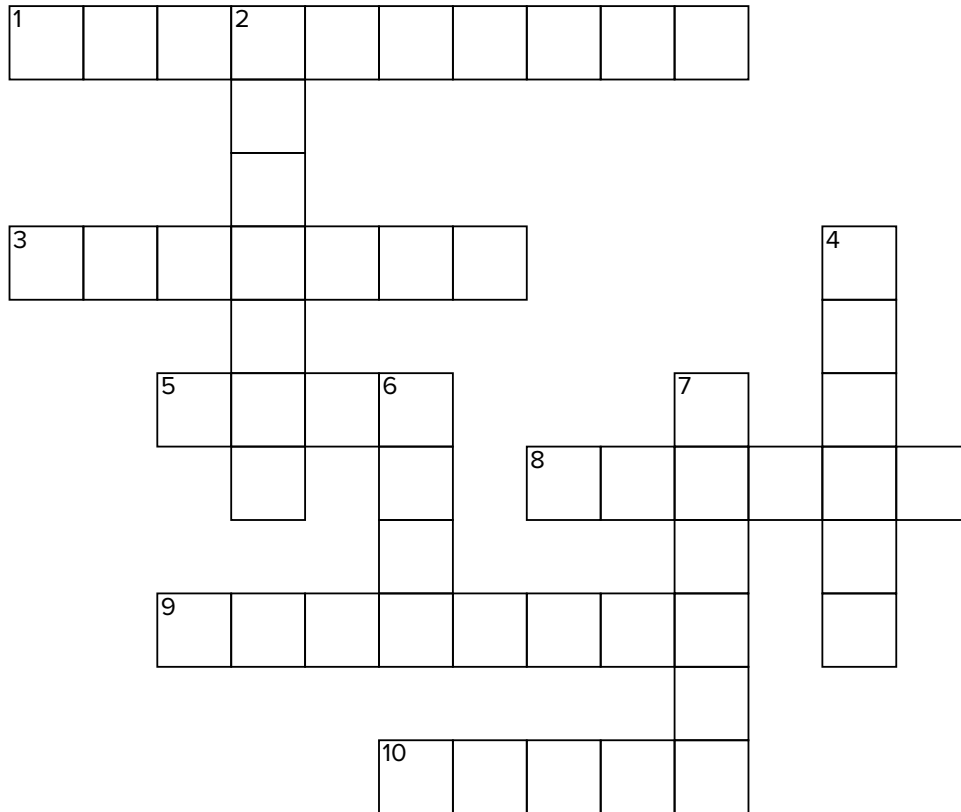


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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.

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ACROSS

- 1** The thief _____ the guard while his partner stole the painting.
- 3** Full of courage; brave.
- 5** The _____ made a loud sound as it hit the tin roof.
- 8** French fries are good, but I _____ onion rings.
- 9** Melissa had a funny _____ when I asked her if she was busy.
- 10** "How _____ of you!" said my grandma, when I offered to help her down the stairs.

DOWN

- 2** Normal.
- 4** My parents refuse to _____ what they got me for my birthday.
- 6** Billy walks with a _____ because he broke his leg when he was a kid.
- 7** Very strict or harsh.