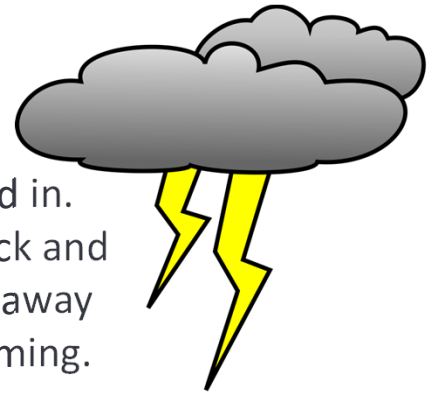
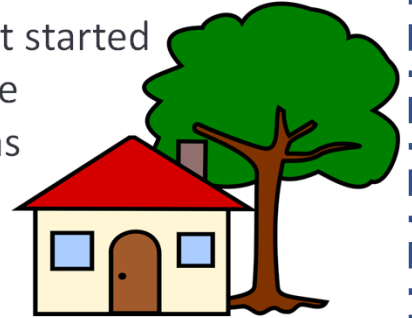


The Storm



The sky was dark and ominous as the storm clouds rolled in. The wind was picking up and the trees were swaying back and forth. The leaves rustled in the wind, and the birds flew away in search of shelter. Everyone knew that a storm was coming.

As the storm grew closer, the rain started to come down. It started out as a gentle sprinkle, but soon it was pouring down. The sky was lit up with flashes of lightning and the thunder was loud and booming. The rain was coming down in buckets and the streets were quickly becoming ponds.



The wind was blowing hard now and it felt like it could blow the roof off the house. Everyone was huddled inside, praying for the storm to pass. The power went out and it was dark and quiet.

At last the storm began to move away, but the damage was done. Trees were uprooted, homes were flooded and power lines were down. It was a disaster.

The next day, everyone went out to survey the damage. It was like a different world. Everywhere you looked, there was destruction. But the people were resilient and soon they were helping each other to clean up the mess.

In the days and weeks that followed, the community worked together to rebuild what the storm had destroyed. People helped each other to repair their homes, clear away debris and get back on their feet.

The storm was a scary experience, but it also brought out the best in people. In the end, the community came together and was stronger than ever before.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What were the trees doing?**
 - a. falling
 - b. branches flying about
 - c. swaying back and forth

- 2. The birds flew away in search of:**
 - a. their nest
 - b. shelter
 - c. trees

- 3. It felt like the wind could?**
 - a. damage roof shingles
 - b. knock down the trees
 - c. blow the roof off the house

- 4. Damage from the storm was:**
 - a. uprooted trees
 - b. homes were flooded
 - c. power lines were down
 - d. all of above

- 5. After the storm, the community**
 - a. came together
 - b. were devastated
 - c. were in shock

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Write a weather forecast based on what you read about "The Storm"
2. Compare and contrast this storm with a storm you have experienced.
3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
4. What images go through your mind as read Spring is in the Air?
 - How would a storm like this make you feel?
 - How many adjectives can you think of that would describe a storm and the sounds heard?
 - Explain why you think the community came together and were stronger than before after this storm hit.
 - How can you prepare for a storm?