

Rainy Day Echo Answer Key

Reflection Questions (Sample Answers):

1. Answers will vary. Example: Sentence 1 was easiest because it had a short, gentle rhythm.
2. Answers will vary. Example: Sentence 6 was hardest because of the descriptive phrase.
3. Students should note that they lowered or softened their voice to match the whisper.
4. Practicing single sentences helps with fluency by allowing readers to focus on **pacing, intonation, and phrasing** without being overwhelmed by a long passage.

Teacher's Guide / Notes

- **Model Clearly:** Read each sentence with careful phrasing, pausing naturally at commas and periods.
- **Encourage Listening First:** Stress the importance of students waiting and listening before echoing.
- **Focus on Expression:** Highlight how tone changes meaning. For example, "thunder rumbled softly" should sound calm, not frightening.
- **Different Voices:** Try reading one sentence in two different ways (cheerful vs. serious) and ask students to echo both styles to strengthen flexibility.
- **Extension Activity:** Challenge students to choose their favorite sentence and echo it three times: first slowly, then at normal speed, then with expressive flair.