

After The Storm Answer Key

Corrected Paragraph:

After the storm, there was **a little** hope that the picnic could continue. Mia had **little** energy left to clean up the mess, but she decided to try anyway. Her friends brought **the little** snacks that survived the rain, and together they found **a little** joy in sharing stories under the shelter. They laughed and realized that even **a little** teamwork can make a bad day feel brighter.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Builds students' editing and contextual reasoning skills by correcting misuse of **little**, **a little**, and **the little** in narrative writing.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a quick review of meanings: **little** (almost none, negative tone), **a little** (some, positive tone), **the little** (specific amount).
 - For support, highlight sentences with tone clues before rewriting.
 - For advanced learners, have them explain how the change in determiner alters the emotional feel of the sentence.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn this into a team editing race: students compete to correct all determiners accurately.
 - Have pairs read both the original and corrected versions aloud to hear tone differences.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Ask students to write their own mini-paragraph with at least one use of each determiner.
 - Encourage them to underline context clues that helped them choose correctly.