

Rainy Day Summary Answer Key

Sample One-Sentence Summary:

Mia and her father hurried into the grocery store during a heavy rainstorm and shopped together for dinner.

Comprehension Answers:

1. Her father.
2. Heavy rain and a storm.
3. Pasta, vegetables, bread, and fruit.
4. The store felt warm, safe, and cozy compared to the storm.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** This activity builds **fluency and comprehension together**. Summarizing helps students focus on the main idea, which guides smoother and more meaningful rereading.
- **Implementation Tips:**
 - Model how to write a short, clear summary after the first reading. Keep it to one sentence only.
 - Show how keeping the summary in mind helps with **intonation and phrasing** when rereading.
 - Have students compare their first and second readings—what improved?
- **Differentiation:**
 - Struggling readers can be given sentence starters for the summary (“Mia and her father...”).
 - Advanced readers can try to summarize in 7 words or fewer for an extra challenge.
- **Extension Idea:** Ask students to reread the paragraph a third time with added **expression and character voice**, imagining the scene in their head as they read.