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Dual Pathways

Directions: Read the passage. Track the two storylines and align their events in the correct order.

Lena biked toward the community library, hoping to return her stack of books before closing time. As she reached the corner, she noticed thick clouds gathering overhead. At the same moment across town, Jonah was in his garage fixing a flat tire on his scooter. He stepped back to test the repair just as the first rumble of thunder rolled through the sky. Lena sped up when she felt the wind change and realized a storm was coming faster than expected. Meanwhile, Jonah zipped his tools into a pouch and hurried to shut the garage doors as raindrops began to fall. By the time Lena reached the library parking lot, the rain was pouring hard. Jonah, already inside his house, pulled the curtains closed and listened to the storm.

Part One: Separate the Timelines

1. List Lena's events in order.
2. List Jonah's events in order.

Part Two: Align the Parallel Events

Match the events that happen around the same time. Write the pairings.

Example format: Lena event ____
matches Jonah event ____.

Part Three: Analysis Questions - Answer in complete sentences.

1. Which character faced the storm first and how do you know?

2. How does viewing both timelines together change your understanding of the storm?

3. Why might an author choose to write scenes using parallel timelines?
