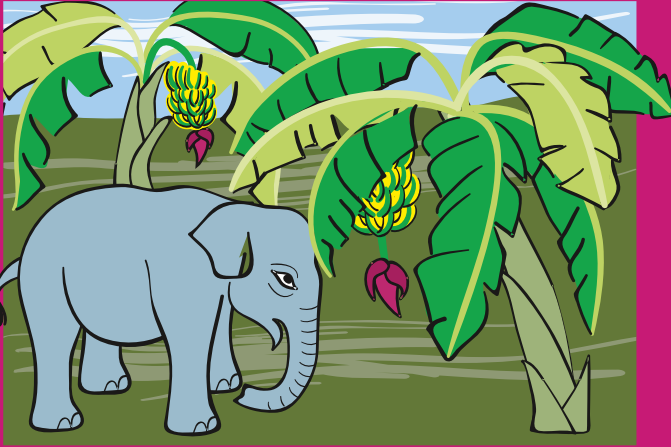


It's Raining

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Appu ate bananas

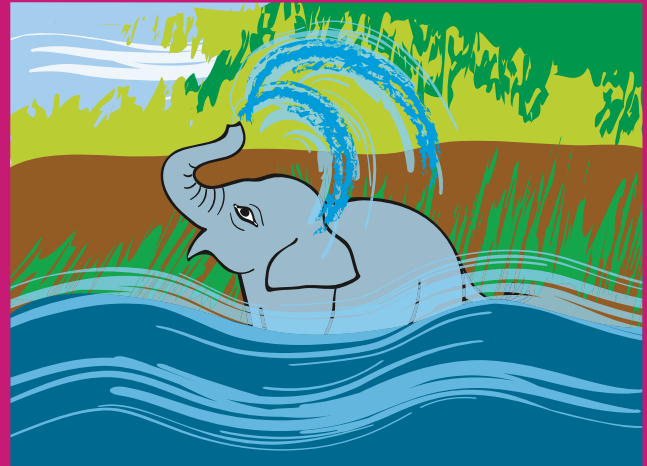
Appu likes bananas very much. He plucks and eats bananas from the trees every day.

One day, he saw that the banana trees were drooping. It had not rained for a long time.

I must get water in my trunk – said Appu.

He started walking towards the river.

Appu drank water till he was happy. He bathed his body with his trunk.



Then he carried water in his trunk and poured it on the banana trees.

As soon as the banana trees got water they came alive.

Appu said – From now on I will get water for you every-day. After all, you also give me ripe and tasty bananas.





* What will happens if the banana trees do not get water ?

* Where do the plants get water which grow around your house ?

* Have you seen animals drinking water ? Where ?

* Have you ever given water to any animal ? If yes, how does the animal drinks water ?

You read in the story that Appu watered the banana trees. Then, where do other plants get water from? Plants mostly get water from rain. When it rains plants seem to get a new look.

Let us read a poem and recite.



Clouds

*White and black
The clouds arrive in a magic pack
Dogs, Deers, Elephant, Horse,
Sometimes they look, like deers
By running here and there.
The clouds arrive.....
In moments they come,
In moments they go
Sometimes not seen for months
Sometimes they freeze
and for weeks they stay,
The clouds arrive....
Sometimes they roar,
Sometimes they pour,
Sometimes they thunder
Spreading the colours,
In a rainbow of wonder,
And sometimes they hail,
Then trees shed the leaves !
The clouds arrive in a magic pack...
White and black.*

– Harish Nigam
(Paraphased from Gujarati)





Seen in Poem...

- * What have you seen in the clouds ?
- * What do all the clouds do ?
- * How do you feel when it rains ?
- * Have you ever seen a rainbow ?
- * When can you see a rainbow ?
- * What happens when it rains ?
- * What do you see when it rains ?
- * Apart from clouds, what do you see in the rains ?

When it rains, making paperboats and floating them on water is really fun. Isn't it ?



Make a paperboat and float it on water.

Have you had any problems during rains? Have you seen anyone else having any problems due to rains? Draw a picture of your experience in the rain.



By listening to children's experiences related to rain, a discussion can take place on the good and bad effects of rain.