

What is a Rainbow?

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

A rainbow is a beautiful act of _____. It looks like magic, but really, it can be understood with basic _____. Rainbows appear in the sky when _____ events happen at the same time.

First, there are millions of water in the atmosphere. That's why rainbows are visible during or right after a rain _____.

Second, the sun is your back. If you're facing the wrong _____, you can't see a rainbow.

Third, the sun is _____ in the sky. That's why rainbows are usually seen in the early morning or late _____. When these three conditions are _____, light enters the drops, bends, changes direction and comes out at _____ angles. As the light bends, it breaks into _____ colors. This is the interesting part: white light enters a drop and _____ colors come out.

All of the colors are _____ off into the sky in random directions. However, only a small amount of those colors can be by people. The tiny portion of color which we see, and call a rainbow, _____ the drops at very specific angles.

We see just the line of light moving towards us. For that reason, we see only one color from each drop.

Now _____ a rainbow. The outside layer appears because red is the only color of light travelling on a _____ and precise path to our eyes. Now think about _____, which is the color of the inner ring.

Violet appears on the _____ because that is the only color of light moving from those drops _____ our eyes. In conclusion, the _____ layers of color and _____ shape of a rainbow are not actually real.

It's a remarkable visual _____ created by light that is reflecting off a large concentration of water drops and _____ in a variety of directions.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. special | a. bright |
| 2. take things | b. transfer |
| 3. angry | c. unusual |
| 4. smart | d. annoyed |
| 5. study at another school | e. steal |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

- Most of the students were good. T or F
- The bad student used to steal things. T or F
- The teacher read a letter from the bad student. T or F
- The bad student was asked to go to another school. T or F
- The good students helped the bad student. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

REMTAK _____

ELEVA _____

LGIOLFOWN _____

GTHTHUO _____

STMRA _____

DRCAE _____

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Have you ever seen a rainbow?
 2. What conditions need to be present before we can see a rainbow?
 3. What are there seven color in a rainbow?
 4. Are rainbows real?
 5. Why are water drops important for rainbows?
 6. When is the best time to see a rainbow?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. person / not / was / a / student / one / nice
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2. they / leave / the / bad / to / wanted / student / school
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3. called / meeting / for / a / the / together / teacher / of / students / all / the
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4. and / know / bad / this / what / what / student / wrong / is / doesn't / is / right
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5. words / the / teacher's / student / bad / the / heard / kind
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