

# Rain, Rain, Go Away!

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## ACTIVITIES

### CHAPTER 4      Comprehension check

#### A\_ Choose the correct answer

1 People are allowed to go to the desert because ...

- it is easy to go there.
- there is nothing there.
- no one wants to go.

2 Kailani is most afraid of...

- the desert.
- the clouds.
- the Keepers.

3 Walking on sand is ...

- more difficult than walking on the street.
- easier than walking on the street.
- the same as walking on the street.

4 Walking at night would be better than in the day because ...

- it isn't as hot.
- no one would see her.
- she wouldn't see the clouds.

5 Why does Kailani laugh?

- She thinks of something funny.
- The clouds are her friend and her enemy at the same time.
- Thirst is making her go a bit crazy.

6 Kailani used her first Pellet...

- at midday.
- in the morning.
- in the afternoon.

7 Her clothes and bag are the same colour as ...

- the helicopter.
- the Hydration Pellets.
- the sand.

### B\_ Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The Keepers see Kailani in the desert. T - F
- 2 The effects of thirst make Kailani ill. T - F
- 3 The journey gets easier as she goes further. T - F
- 4 Someone steals her Hydration Pellets. T - F
- 5 Kailani is afraid of the things she sees at the water. T - F
- 6 Kailani has seen a forest before. T - F
- 7 There is someone else at the water. T - F

### Grammar: Past Perfect

#### When she counted the Pellets at the end of the day, she had used nine of them

If you have two events that happened in the past, the **past perfect** is used to show that one event happened earlier in the past than the other event.

So, in the sentence above, the events happened in this order:

- 1 Kailani used some Pellets.
- 2 Kailani counted the Pellets.

We know that she used some Pellets before counting them because the sentence is '*she had used*'. '**Had used**' is past perfect.

The past perfect is formed with **had + past participle** and it is generally used when the past simple is used in the same sentence.

Look at these sentences and say which event happened first.

- *By the time the sun went down, she had taken seven of them.*
- *Her voice came out in a dry whisper. It was the only thing she had heard in four days.*

#### The past perfect

Rewrite these sentences so you have one sentence which uses the past perfect. There is an example at the beginning.

**0 She lost her wallet. I met her at the station.**

*When / met her at the train station, she had lost her wallet.*

**1** He ate dinner. It was only four o'clock in the afternoon.

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**2** She had three children. She was twenty-five.

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**3** Our grandmother died. We arrived at the hospital.

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**4** I slept for four hours. I woke up at midnight.

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