

# ***Hurricane***

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Shut the windows  
Bolt the doors  
Big rain coming  
Climbing up the mountain

Neighbours whisper  
Dark clouds gather  
Big rain coming  
Climbing up the mountain

Gather in the clotheslines  
Pull down the blinds  
Big wind rising  
Coming up the mountain

Branches falling  
Raindrops flying  
Treetops swaying  
People running  
Big wind blowing  
Hurricane! on the mountain

*Name three signs written in the poem that tell people that the hurricane is coming.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*List three things people do to make their houses ready for the hurricane.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Look at the last verse again.*

*Write why you think the people are running.*

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*Copy the verbs in the poem that end in -ing.*

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

*Now write the verbs without the suffix -ing.*

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

*If you will read aloud the poem, which do you think is the best voice to use?  
Tick your answer.*

\_\_\_\_ happy      \_\_\_\_ slow      \_\_\_\_ urgent      \_\_\_\_ sad

## ***The Thunder is a Great Dragon***

The thunder is a great dragon that lives in  
the water and flies in the air.

He carries two stones.

When he strikes them together, the lightning  
flashes and the thunder roars.

The dragon pursues the spirits of evil, and  
Wherever he finds them, he slays them.

The evil spirits hide in the trees, and the dragon  
destroys them.

From which country is the traditional poem above from? \_\_\_\_\_

List the noun phrases found in the poem.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Create noun phrases. Fill in the blank to make each given noun a noun phrase.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ magnets
2. \_\_\_\_\_ rocks
3. \_\_\_\_\_ wicked
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts
5. \_\_\_\_\_ forest
6. \_\_\_\_\_ dragon

Write your own short poem explaining another way the dragon could make thunder. Use the noun phrases you made above.

The Thunder is a \_\_\_\_\_ Dragon

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