

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.

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Now write the verbs without the suffix -ing.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
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.

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