

# Rain, Rain, Go Away!

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## ACTIVITIES

### CHAPTER 6 Comprehension check

**For each question choose the correct answer - A, B or C.**

1 The people who live at The Edge ...

- A ☐ built the home under the lake.
- B ☐ came from the city .
- C ☐ have been there for their whole lives.

2 The people get their water from ...

- A ☐ the lake.
- B ☐ the rain clouds.
- C ☐ the Keepers.

3 The clouds are controlled by ...

- A ☐ the people.
- B ☐ the Keepers.
- C ☐ the weather.

4 It only rains ...

- A ☐ behind the factory.
- B ☐ on the trees.
- C ☐ over the lake.

5 Murray ...

- A ☐ doesn't want to help the people in the city.
- B ☐ wants to help Kailani and the people in the city.
- C ☐ wants to help Kailani but no one else.

6 Kailani thinks ...

- A ☐ she can solve the problem without any help.
- B ☐ she can change Murray's mind.

c ○ she can make the other people help her.

## Grammar

*And a boy next to her asked her if she wanted something to drink.*

In Chapter 6 there are a lot of questions from all the characters. They are in quote marks ( ' ') because they're direct questions.

If you want to tell someone else about a conversation that contained questions you use **reported speech**. To report questions you need to turn them from direct questions to **indirect questions**.

There are two kinds of questions:

- **Yes/No questions** (closed questions)
- **Wh- questions** (open questions)

### **Yes/No questions**

Direct: *Do you want some water?*

Indirect: *He | asked | her | if | she wanted some water.*

---+ Subject + reporting verb + object pronoun + *if* + statement

(Note: There is no auxiliary verb.)

### **Wh- questions**

Direct: *Where is your brother?*

Indirect: *He | asked | her | where | her brother was.*

---+ Subject + reporting verb + object pronoun + *wh-* word + statement

(Note: There is no inversion of the verb to *be*.)

Note: The verbs in the direct questions go back one tense in the reported questions, e.g. present simple --  
--> past simple

## **Direct and indirect questions**

**Convert these questions from Chapter 6 into reported questions.**

1 Are you hungry? .....

2 Did I sleep all night? .....

3 Where did you come from? .....

4 How do you get your water? .....

5 Why is it safe? .....

6 Can you see? .....

7 Why do they let them go to the city? .....