THE LEGEND OF THE RAINBOW

READING COMPREHENSION

A A long time ago in Kenya, the god of thunder, Mkunga Mburu, travelled across the sky on a big black bull. In his hands he held spears which he used to pierce the clouds and make it rain. The people of Kenya were happy; their crops were growing and they had a lot of food to eat.

B One time, Mkunga didn't visit Kenya for many months. The rain didn't fall, so the ground dried up and the crops didn't grow. The people of Kenya were worried. They looked up at the sky and shouted, "Mkunga Mburu, bring us rain!" But the rain didn't fall. After two days, the people began to beg, "Please, Mkunga Mburu, hear our call!" Suddenly, Mkunga appeared in the sky. Behind him the people could see dark clouds of rain.

C It rained for two weeks. There was so much rain that it destroyed the crops. The people became anxious and asked Mkunga to stop the rain. "Thank you, Mkunga, but that is enough!" they shouted. Mkunga heard them. He left as quickly as he could, taking the dark clouds with him.

D While Mkunga was riding away, the sun came out and beautiful colours lit up the sky. "Look!" cried the people, "Mkunga dropped his robe!" And even to this day, when you look up at the sky after it rains, you can sometimes see his robe: a beautiful rainbow of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

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Read the text and for questions 1-4 choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1 Mkunga Mburu travelled on

A an animal. **B** a cloud. **C** a spear.

2 After the Kenyan people called out to Mkunga, he sent them

A clear skies. **B** crops. **C** clouds of rain.

3 The heavy rain made the people feel

A happy. **B** angry. **C** worried.

4 As he was leaving, Mkunga

A let go of his robe. **B** put on his robe. **C** pierced his robe.

Writing

Complete the summary of the story.

Mkunga Mburu was the ..... . He travelled on a ..... and carried ..... in his hands. He used them to ..... . One time, he didn't ..... so the crops ..... . The people begged him ..... . It rained heavily for ..... and the rain destroyed ..... . The people asked him to ..... . When he left, he ....

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