

WHERE DOES RAIN COME FROM?

LEARNING GOALS

- Use key vocabulary words to explain where rain comes from
- Use the word “because” to explain why rain is important

Approximate time: 1 hour 30 minutes

MATERIALS

- A glass or bottle of water
- Pictures of rain in Micronesia (pages 3-4)
- *The adventures of Drippy the Raindrop* short story (pages 5-20)
- Diagram of the story setting (ocean, sun, sky, mountain, stream)
- Cut-out of Drippy the Raindrop
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SEQUENCE

Ongoing Observation	5 minutes	Have students record their observation for both lettuce and bean and prediction for bean English.
Activating Prior Knowledge	5 minutes	<p>Show students a glass/bottle of water. Ask</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What’s in here? (water) Where does water come from? Students will probably give a range of responses such as the store and home. <p>Show students different pictures of rain. Ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is this? • What does rain give us? <p>Explain today we are going to learn more about where rain comes from, and why rain is important.</p>
Building Background/ Vocabulary (Word Wall)	10 minutes	<p>Introduce the following words: raindrop, cloud, sky, heat</p> <p>Go over meaning and model making meaningful sentence for each word.</p> <p>Have each student draw pictures to show the meaning of one word.</p> <p>Add words and pictures to word wall.</p>
Reading	40 minutes	<p>Show cover of <i>The adventures of Drippy the Raindrop</i> short story, and ask students for title, author, and prediction on what they will be reading, using the key words “I think”, “will” (from Making Observation and Prediction activity)</p> <p>Read aloud story with expression, and point out key vocabulary.</p> <p>Read aloud story again, this time pause throughout and ask comprehension question. E.g.,</p>

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- Page 3: Why is Drippy getting hot?
 - Page 5: How does Drippy fly to the cloud?
 - Page 9: [Point to the clouds] What do you think will happen near the mountain?
 - Page 11: What's happening here? [it's raining!]
 - Page 16: Why is the stream moving faster? Where do you think the stream will take Drippy to?

Show diagram of the story setting

Together, label the different parts of the setting (ocean, sun, sky, mountain, stream)

Show the cut-out of Drippy and ask where Drippy was at the beginning of the story. Place Drippy on ocean.

Ask what happens next. Have a student volunteer go up to diagram and move Drippy to the next destination. Do the same to go through the rest (cloud, mountain, rain, stream)

State that Drippy is a drop of rain. Where does rain come from?

Ask why we need rain. Record students' responses.

Have students practice using the word "because" to explain: We need rain because _____.

Writing	15 minutes	<p>Ask if Drippy comes to Kosrae/RMI, what places will he go to?</p> <p>Have students draw out the setting of the places, and label with key vocabulary.</p> <p>Have students explain on the drawing why we need rain, using the sentence frame "We need rain because _____."</p>
Wrap-Up	5 minutes	<p>Review the key vocabulary from word wall</p> <p>Ask students: where does rain come from? Why is rain important?</p>



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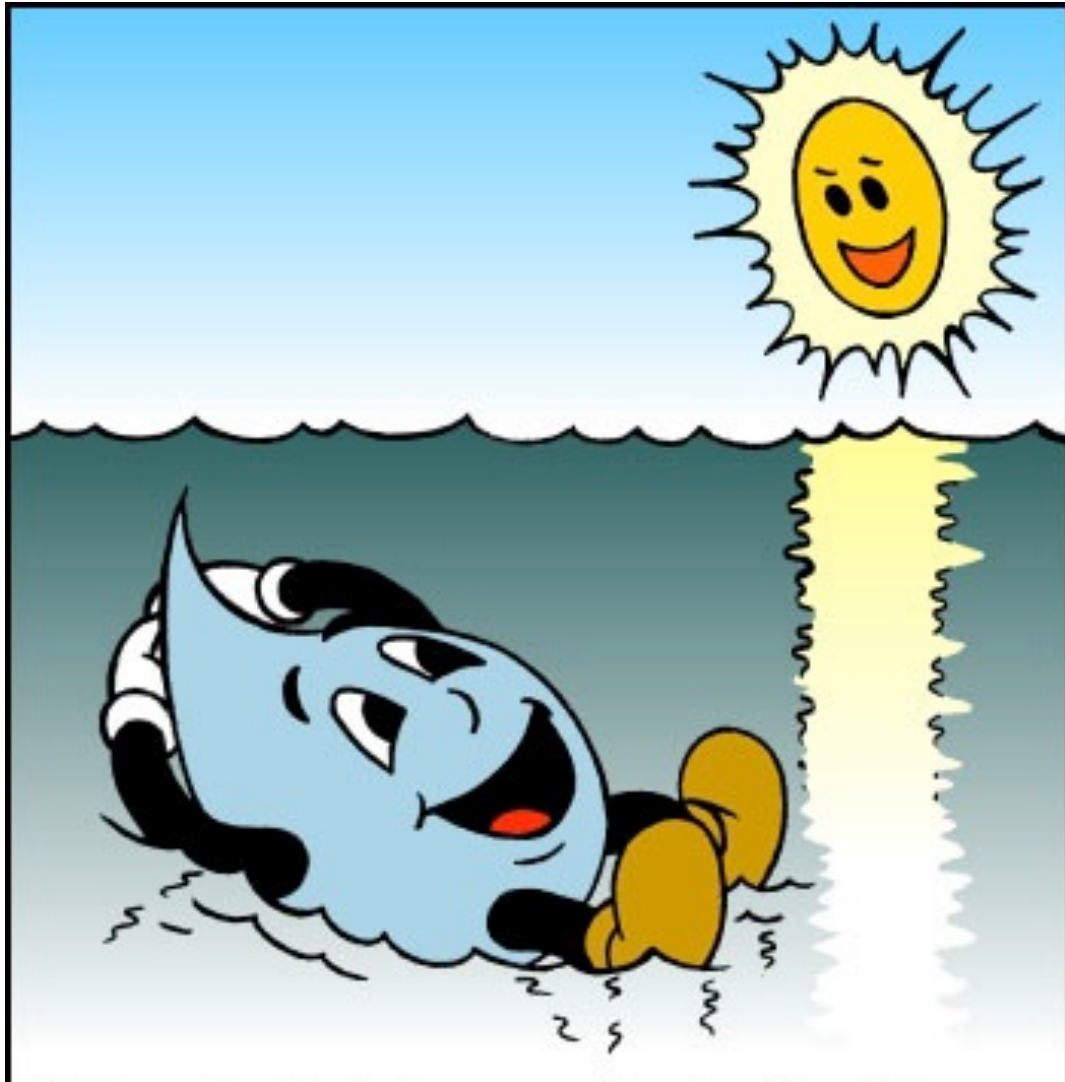


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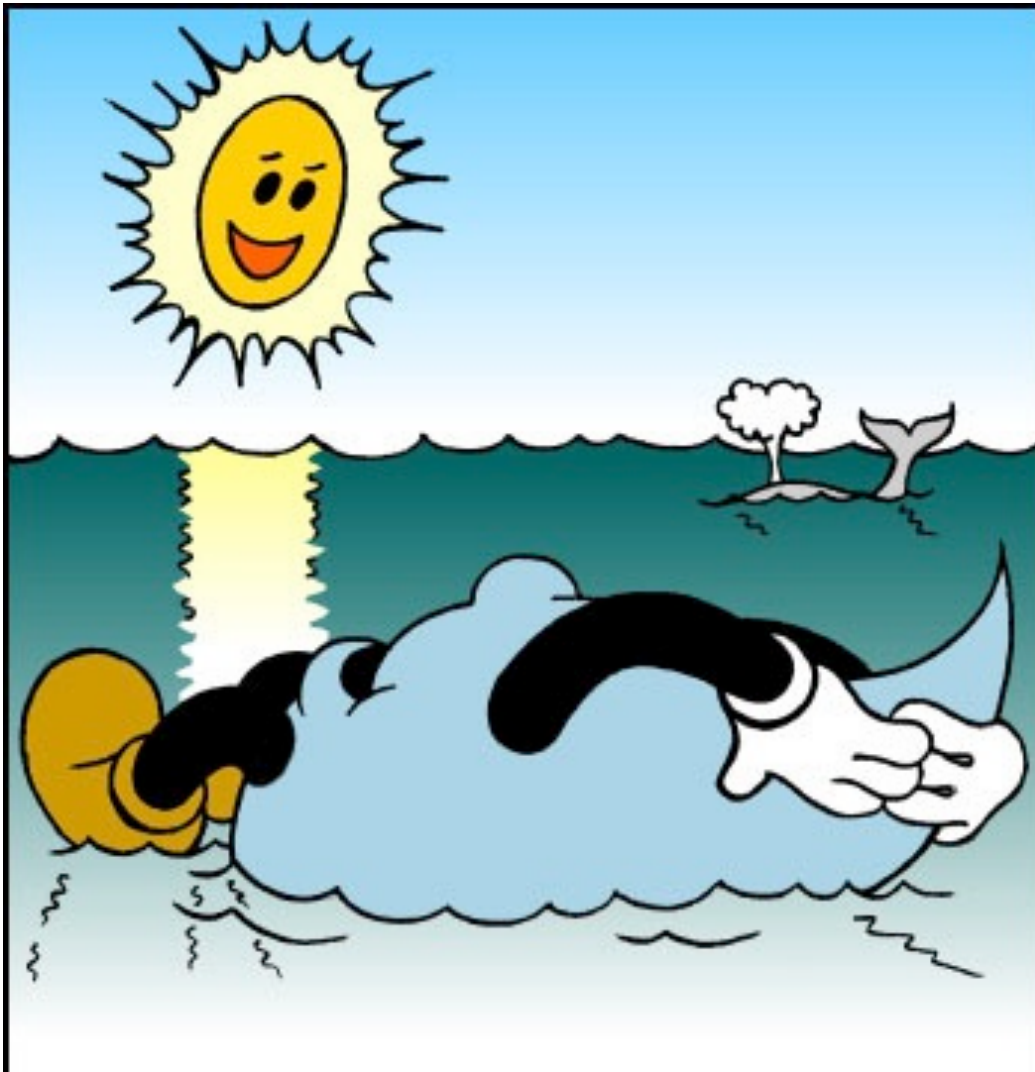
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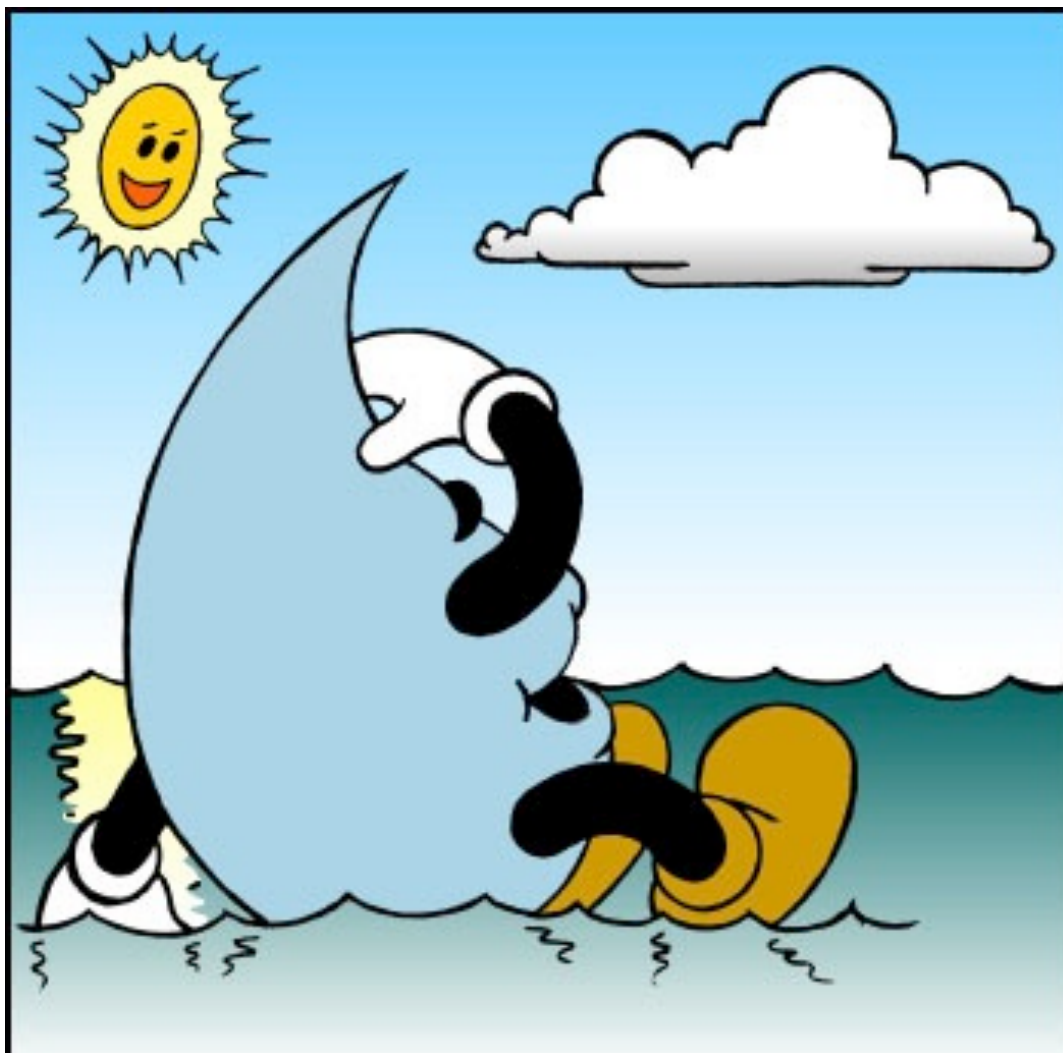
Drippy the Raindrop is floating on the ocean.

He looks up and sees his friend, Mr. Sun.

“Hi, Mr. Sun!” says Drippy.

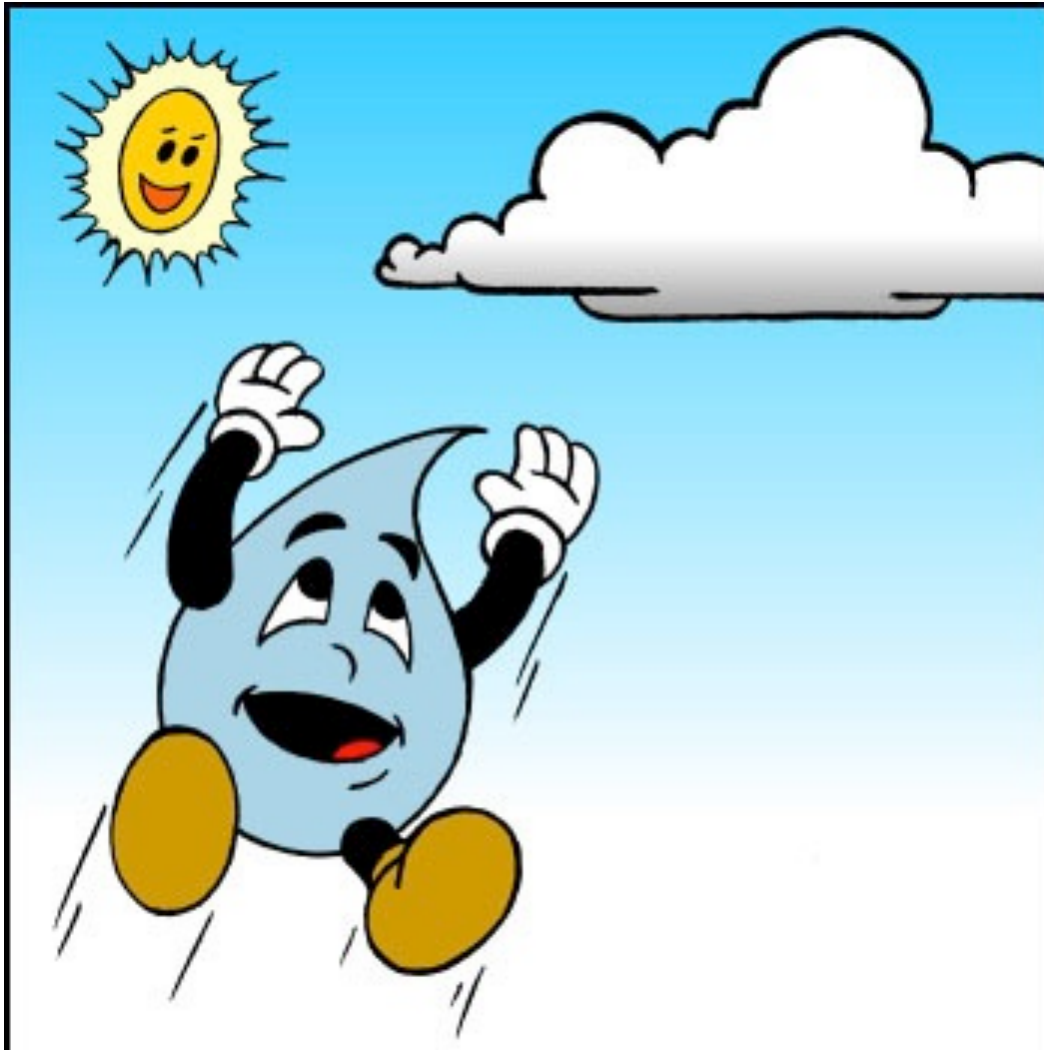


Mr. Sun rises higher and higher in the sky.
The heat makes Drippy very hot.



Drippy sees a cloud moving across the sky.

Drippy thinks, “The cloud looks nice and cool. Can I fly to the cloud?”



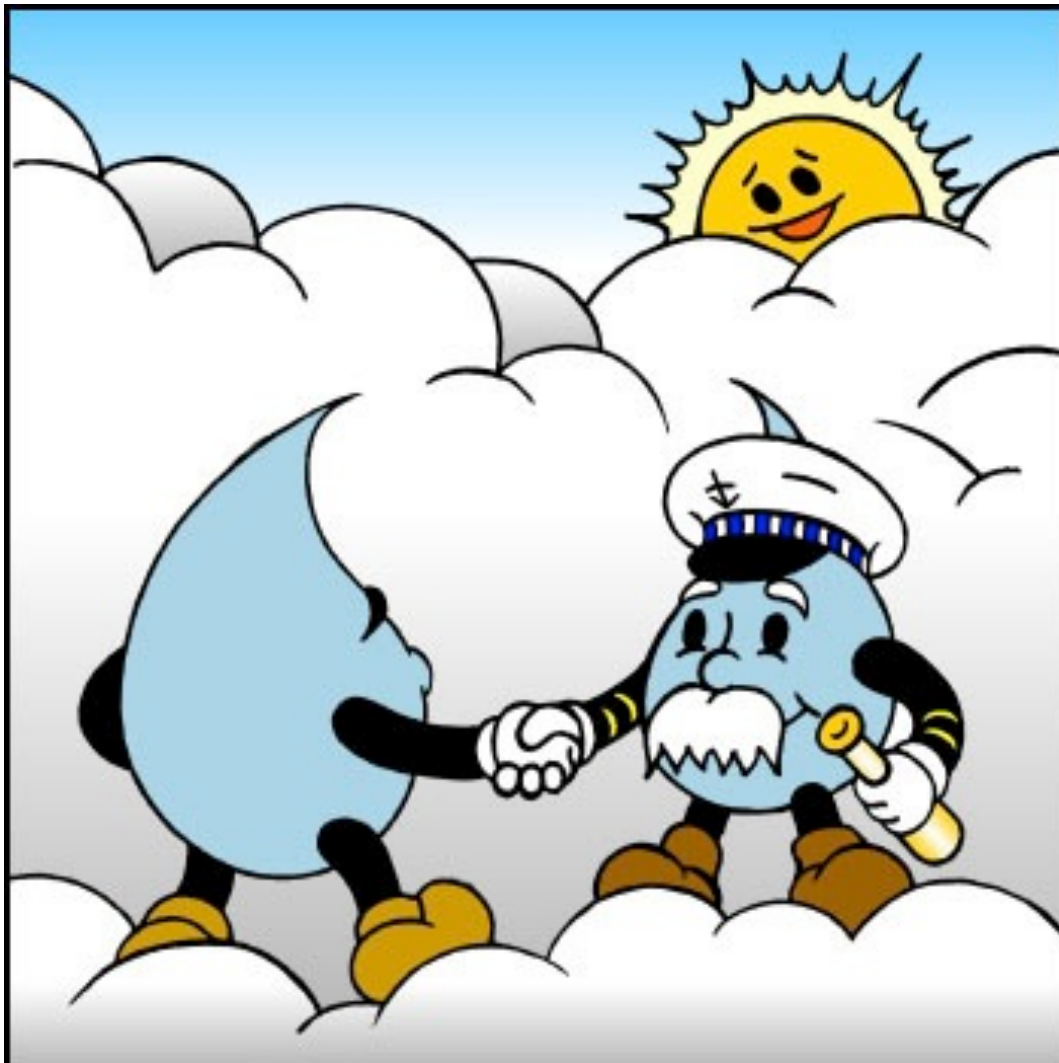
The heat from Mr. Sun makes Drippy lighter and lighter.

Drippy starts flying.

Up, up, up in the sky to the cloud!



Drippy lands on the cloud. He meets another raindrop.



“Hi!” says the other raindrop. “Nice to meet you! My name is Salty. What’s your name?”

“My name is Drippy. I came here to cool off.” says Drippy.



“Where did you come from, Drippy?” asks Salty.

Drippy points to the water below and says, “I came from the ocean, there.”



“Where is the cloud going to?” asks Drippy.

“Over there!” Salty points to a range of mountains.



“When it gets too crowded near the mountain, be ready to jump off!” says Salty.

Drippy thinks, “It will be fun to visit the mountain!”



The cloud gets crowded near the mountain. The cloud starts to bounce. Drippy jumps from the cloud with other raindrops.



Drippy looks down and sees a stream through the mountain.

“That looks like a good place to land!” says Drippy.



Drippy first lands on a tree. He bounces from one tree branch to another tree branch.



Drippy slides onto a rock and falls into the stream.

“This is fun!” says Drippy.



The rain stops. Drippy floats along the stream.

“This is nice!” says Drippy.



Drippy finds a leaf. He climbs onto the leaf.

The stream starts to move faster.

“This is fun! I wonder where I will go to next?” asks Drippy.