

Sudden storm

This task is about understanding the language used in a poem.

Read the poem and answer the questions below.

Sudden Storm

by Elizabeth Coatsworth

The rain comes in sheets
Sweeping the streets,
Here, here, and here,
Umbrellas appear,

Red, blue, yellow, green,
They tilt and they lean
Like mushrooms, like flowers,
That grow when it showers.

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a) Why do the umbrellas appear?

b) What are “Red, blue, yellow and green”?

c) Write down two words in the poem which describe how umbrellas move like flowers.

_____ and _____

d) The poem starts with the words, “The rain comes in sheets”. What does this mean?

e) The poem says umbrellas “grow when it showers.” What does this mean?
