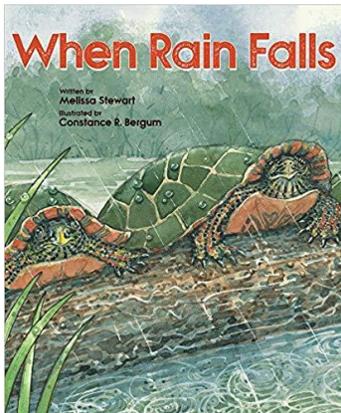




# Melissa Stewart

resources for reading and writing nonfiction



## *When Rain Falls*

by Melissa Stewart

### About the Book

We go inside when rain falls, but where do animals go? That depends on the kind of animal and where it lives. Using clear, simple language, *When Rain Falls* offers young readers a lyrical look at how animals living in forests, fields, wetlands, and deserts behave during a rainstorm.

### Before You Read

- Ask children to list reasons rain is important.
- Discuss what humans do when it rains (go inside or take shelter; use umbrellas, raincoats and rain boots).
- Ask children what they think wild animals do when it rains. Have them consider a large animal (deer), a medium-size animal (squirrel), and a small animal (ladybug).

### As You Read

- Ask children to think about how an animal's body features affect how it behaves during a rainstorm.

### After You Read

*Grades K-1*

- Review the different ways animals react to rain. How many find shelter? How many do not change their behavior?
- Ask children to list the four habitats mentioned in the book. Do they see any connection between an animal's habitat and how it behaves during a rainstorm?

### Follow-up Activities

If time permits, students may want to do some of the *When Rain Falls* Activity Pages available on the author's website: [www.melissa-stewart.com](http://www.melissa-stewart.com).