



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

- 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.