



Use the Reading Guide to help you understand the passage.

Reading

Guide

What is the text structure for this passage?

Look for references to the past or the future.

Think about how a scene change affects the setting of the passage.

Rain on a Parade

Scene 1

Inside Margo and Leena's house.

MARGO: Do you hear that noise from the center of town? It must be the Memorial Day parade getting ready to start. Let's go find a good place to watch it.

LEENA: Are you kidding? Mom said that storms are expected this afternoon. I don't think we should risk it to go look at a silly parade.

MARGO: You're always so cautious. Why don't you take some chances? Our town has only one parade every year. Don't you want to see it?

Scene 2

Sidelines of Memorial Day parade.

LEENA: You're right, Margo. This is a lot of fun! I love to watch a parade, and this one is so close to our house!

(loud clap of thunder)

PARADE ANNOUNCER: Sorry to disappoint you, folks, but we'd better pack it up. There's a big storm headed our way!

(pouring rain and thunderstorm)

MARGO: Yeah, it's a good thing we're so close to home! Run!

Answer the following questions.

1. Read the following lines by Leena.

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What kind of literary device is being used?

- A. scene
- B. stanza
- **C.** foreshadowing
- D. flashback
- **2.** What is the setting of scene 1?
 - **A.** at a parade
 - **B.** in a house
 - C. in a storm
 - **D.** at a store

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- **3.** What is the importance of the parade announcer?
 - **A.** He cancels the parade.
 - **B.** He foreshadows an important event.
 - **C.** He has a flashback.
 - **D.** He yells at Leena and Margo.
- **4.** Why is the setting important?
 - **A.** It tells where the characters are.
 - **B.** It tells what the characters are like.
 - **C.** It tells the theme of the play.
 - **D.** It tells what each scene is about.