

Year 3 Home Learning 26/6/2026

Reading (20-30 mins)

Read the text carefully and answer the questions.

The Hottest Day

Maya woke up and immediately noticed that something was different. The bright sunlight was shining through her bedroom window, and the birds outside were singing loudly. When she opened the curtains, she saw a clear blue sky with not a single cloud in sight.

"It's going to be a very hot day," Mum said as she looked at the weather forecast.

By lunchtime, the garden felt like an oven. The grass was dry and crunchy beneath Maya's feet, and the flowers were beginning to droop. Everyone in the village was trying to stay cool. Some people sat in the shade, while others carried bottles of water wherever they went.

Maya decided to help her neighbours. She filled a large bowl with water for thirsty birds and placed it under a tree. She also made colourful signs reminding people to drink plenty of water and wear hats outside.

Later that afternoon, dark clouds finally appeared in the sky. A gentle breeze began to blow, and everyone smiled as the temperature slowly dropped. The heatwave was not over yet, but everyone felt happier knowing that cooler weather was on its way.

Questions

1. Retrieval Questions (Find the answer in the text)

- a) What did Maya see when she opened the curtains?

- b) What did Mum say about the weather?

- c) Name two things people did to stay cool.

2. Vocabulary Questions

- a) What does the word "droop" mean in this sentence?

"The flowers were beginning to droop."

Tick one:

- ☐ Grow taller
- ☐ Bend or hang down because they are tired or thirsty
- ☐ Change colour

b) Find a word in the text that means “not wet.”

3. Inference Questions (Think carefully)

a) How do you think Maya felt when she saw the hot weather? Explain your answer.

b) Why do you think Maya helped her neighbours?

c) How do you know the heatwave was difficult for people and nature?

4. Challenge Question

Imagine you are Maya at the end of the day.

Write a diary entry explaining:

- How the heatwave affected you
- What you did to help
- How you felt when the weather became cooler

Try to include:

- First person (I, my, we)
- Feelings words
- Interesting vocabulary