

Week 4: Core Text Reading Task

Lila and the secret of the rain

By David Conway & Jude Daly

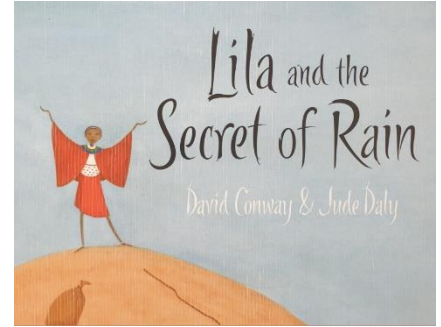
Day 1

Evaluating

The word/phrase * works well because...

I like the way the author uses...

I think it would have read better if...



1. What do you like about this story? Why?

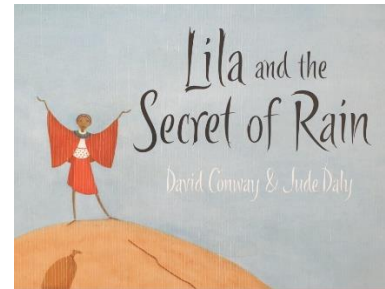
2. Which adjectives work well? Why?

3. What imagery did you like in the story? Why?

4. What do you think would have made this story better?

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Day 2



1. Who did Lila hear talking about the dried up well?

2. What were the two stories that Lila first told the sky?

3. What made the sky rain?

4. What slowly began blocking out the sun's rays?

5. What happened after a flash of lightening tore across the sky?

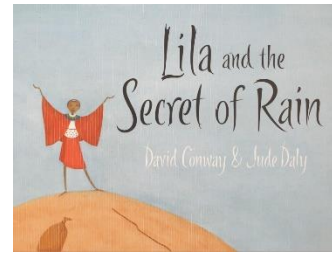
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Day 3



1. At the end of the story, why do you think Lila's grandad gave her a 'knowing smile'?

2. Why do you think the author said the water that hit the ground was 'tears of the rain'? Explain.

3. What 3 things was it too hot to do at the beginning of the story?

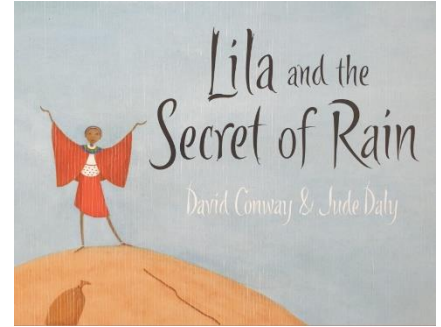
4. How does the author use the weather to show how Lila is feeling? Explain how you know.

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1. True or false

Tick to show whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False
Lila told the sky the saddest things she knew of.		
The clouds filled with Lila's sadness and it began to rain.		
For weeks and weeks there had been no sun.		
The sky heard Lila's stories and started to snow.		
Lila's grandad told her a story of a little girl who convinced the sky to rain.		

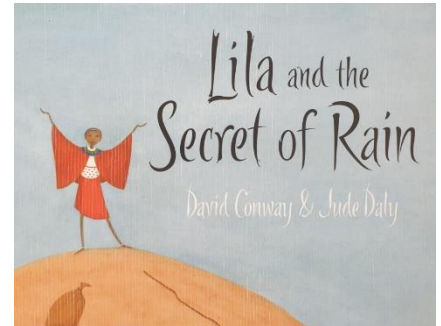
2. Find and copy two different words that tell you how hot the sun is.

3. How do you think Lila felt at the end of the story?
Explain how you know.

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Day 5

Task: Imagine you are the sky from the story. You are going to write a letter to Lila, explaining what you thought and how you felt when she came to speak to you.

Thinking questions:

- What would you say back to Lila?
- How have her stories made you feel?
- Why weren't they enough to make it rain?
- How did you feel when she started to weep?
- What do you think of her?

Here is an example:

Dear Lila,

When you first came up the mountain to speak to me, I wasn't sure what to think. A lot of people come to beg for the rain, and they are never very thankful. First you started by telling me all about...

Dear Lila,

from the Sky.