

**Drip,  
Drop,  
Don't  
Stop!**



Drip, drop! A **couple** of raindrops **sprinkle** down from the grey clouds.

She spreads her arms wide and looks up at the sky. The **little** drops **tickle** her cheeks. All around her, the bushes and grass **sparkle** with fresh rain.



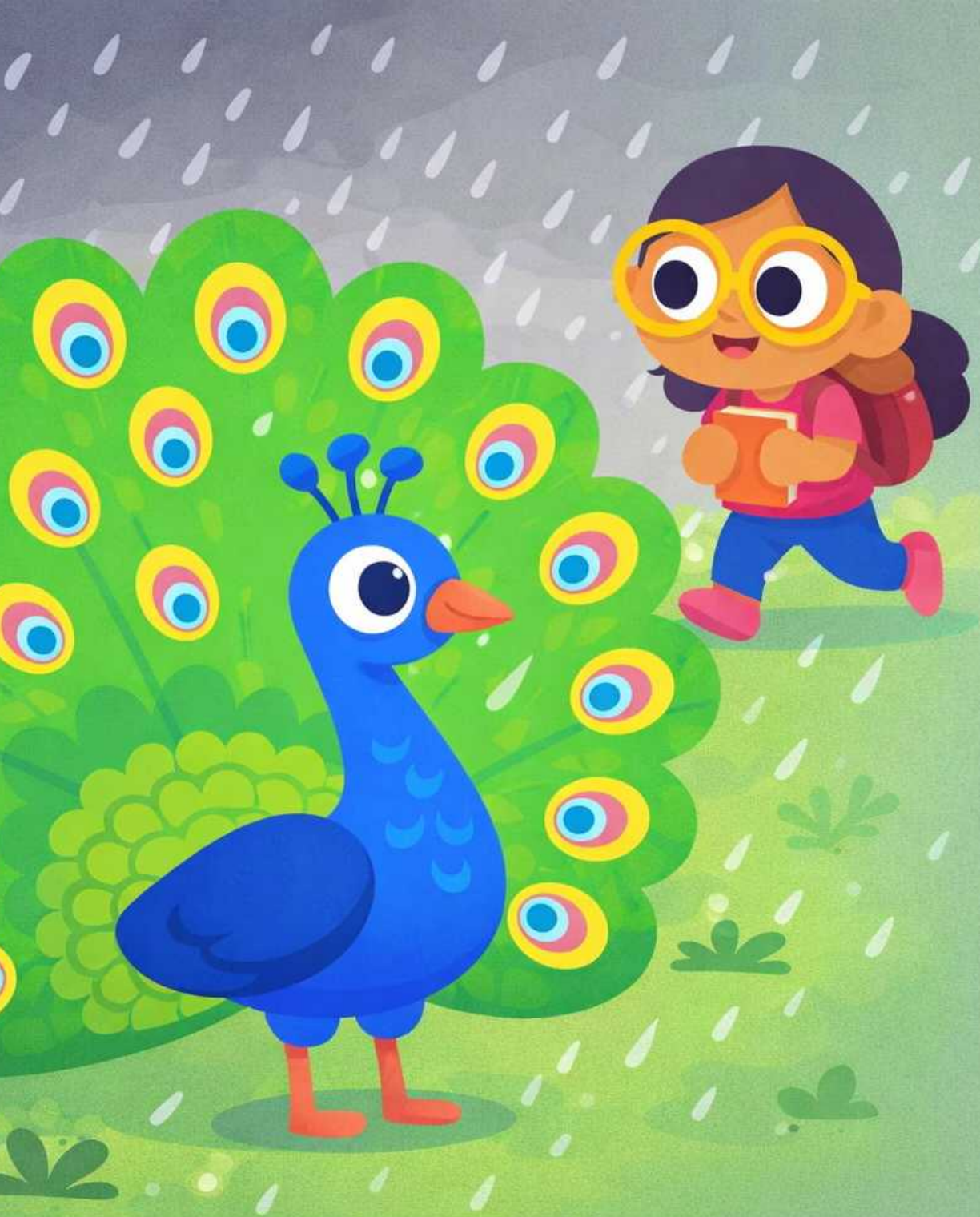


Water **tumbles** off the roof and splashes into a big bucket below. She watches from the doorway as it fills up, drop by drop.

They will pour the water into a **bottle** to save for later. If they boil it, they can drink it too.

Here is a **riddle**: what makes Mum close her eyes and smile? Rain on the roof! She **settles** down with her sitar and begins to play. Her **gentle** tune mixes with the patter of rain outside, and the song fills every corner of the room.





On the way home, she clutched her book and ran through the **drizzle**. Then she stopped in the **middle** of the path, where a peacock stood with its tail fanned out wide. 'Shouldn't you **huddle** under something?' she asked, but the peacock didn't budge. She gave a **little** clap, **chuckled**, and ran the rest of the way home.

After a good wash and dry clothes, she finds her **little** brother in the hall.

They both follow their noses to the kitchen, where a yummy smell is the **signal** that dinner is ready. Mum stands at the stove, stirring a big bowl with a spoon. Even the cat **settles** close by for a perfect, cosy meal.





The rain has stopped at last. She steps outside to see the **final** drops that cling to every leaf and **petal**.

She reaches out to touch a big, shiny leaf. Each **little** drop looks like a **crystal** bead. It is as if the whole world has had a long, cool drink.

She loves this tree best.  
Pink petals sparkle on its  
branches in the soft light.  
It grows so much during  
the rainy season. The rain  
keeps its roots **stable** and  
strong for when the dry  
months come. She reaches  
out to touch its trunk and  
smiles. Drip, drop. What a  
gift the rain can be!





## Drip, Drop, Don't Stop!

Drip, drop! Have you ever tipped your face up to the sky and let the rain tickle your cheeks? When a sudden shower turns the garden into a world of sparkle, one little girl races outside to catch every drop. From a peacock on the path to Mum's rainy-day soup, what magic will the rain leave behind? A decodable reader practising the le/al/el/il endings in words like 'little,' 'sparkle,' 'gentle,' 'signal,' and 'crystal.'

**Reading Skills:** <le> <al> <el> <il>

bottle, chuckled, couple, crystal, drizzle, final, gentle, huddle, ladle, little, middle, mingles, petal, petals, riddle, settles, signal, sparkle, sprinkle, stable, tickle, tumbles

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