

## Chapter -23 Reading with Understanding

### Worksheet

#### A) Read the poem and answer the following questions:

After weeks of heat and dust  
How welcome is the rain  
It washes the leaves  
Gives new life to grass,  
Draws out the scent of the earth.  
It rattles on the roof,  
Gurgles along the drainpipe  
Collects in a puddle in the middle of the lawn-  
The birds come to bathe.  
When the Sun comes out  
A lizard crawls up from a crack in a rock  
a small brown lizard  
Basking in the sun  
You too have your life to live  
Your race to run  
At night we look through the branches  
Of the cherry tree.  
The sky is rain washed , star -bright  
Stay safe. Stay lucky and stay in love with nature.

-Ruskin Bond

1. What message is the poet trying to convey through the poem?
2. Why is the poet welcoming “rain”?
3. Why is the poet emphasising on the rain?
4. “You too have your life to live”, who is the poet referring to?
5. Choose a suitable title for the poem.
6. What is the importance of nature in your life?
7. What steps should be taken by the government to protect nature?

#### B) Look at the picture and describe it in around 200 words.



**C) Complete the story in 200–250 words.**

It was a cold night. A blind man was crossing the road, suddenly a bus came.....

**D) Cooking is a topic on which anybody can talk about. Answer the following questions in your own words about cooking.**

In your home, who usually cooks?

How often do you cook?

How well do you cook? What can you cook well?

What are the advantages/disadvantages of cooking?

What food would you like to learn how to cook?