

UNIT-1

Landscapes

ACTIVITY - 1

'Water Dance' is a poetic introduction to one of nature's most basic elements 'water'. Kanu Patel draws a vivid picture of this element from a gentle mountain pond to a raging waterfall.



Here is Kanu Patel's painting.

What do you see in this picture? Describe it at least in five sentences.

ACTIVITY - 2

WATER DANCE PART-1

*SOME PEOPLE SAY that I am one thing.
Others say that I am many.
Ever since the world began
I have been moving in an endless circle
Sometimes I fall from the sky.*

I am the rain.

*Sometimes I cascade.
I tumble
down,
down,
over the moss-covered rocks,
through the forests shadows.*

I am the mountain stream.

*At the foot of the mountains,
I leap from a stone cliff.
Spiralling.
Plunging.*

I am the waterfall.

*In the shadows of the mountain,
I am still and deep
I fill and overflow.*

I am the lake.

*I wind through broad, golden valleys
joined by streams,
joined by creeks.
I grow ever wider,
broader and deeper.*

I am the river.

*I pass through a gateway
of high stones palisades,
leaving the land behind.
Cool silver moonlight*



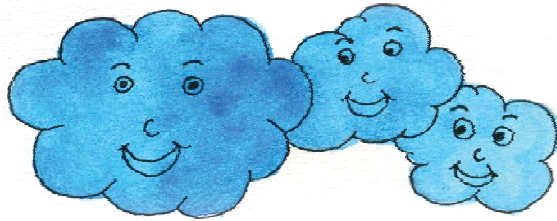


*sparkles and dances
on my waves.*

I am the sea.

*Drawn upward
by warm sunlight.
in white-silver veils
I rise into the air.*

I disappear.



ACTIVITY - 3

Answer the following question.

How is the river different from the sea?

ACTIVITY - 4

WATER DANCE PART-2

I am the mist.

*In thousands of shapes I reappear
high above the earth in the blue sky.*

I float.

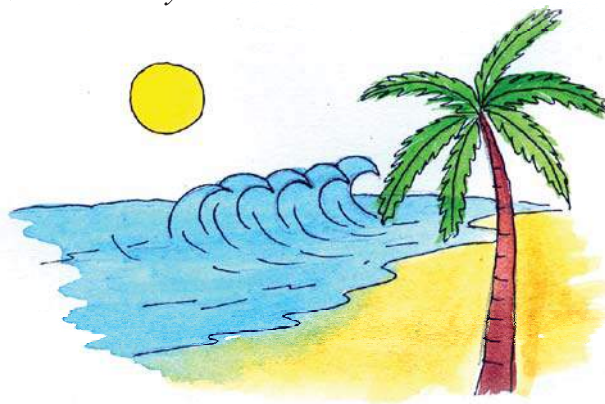
I drift.

I am the clouds.

*Carried by winds
from distant seas.*

*I move,
growing heavier,
growing darker,
returning.*

I am the storm front.

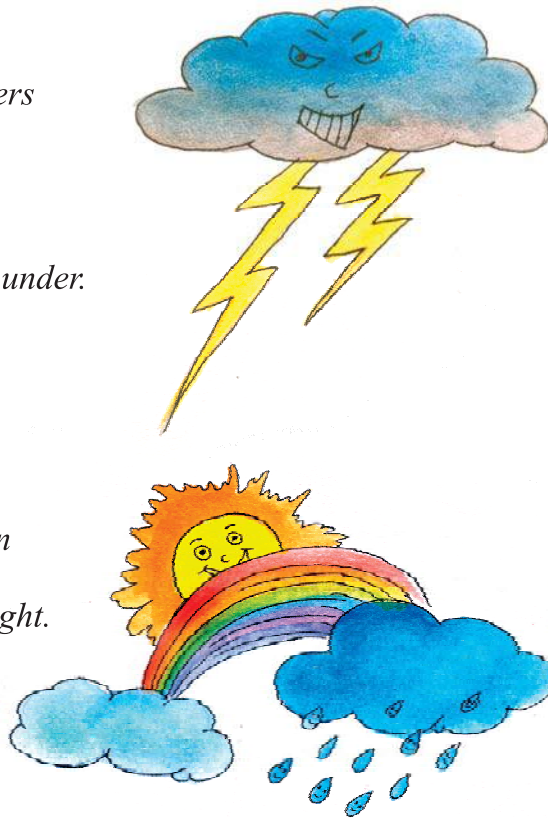


*At the walls of the mountains,
 I rise up
 as gleaming power-filled towers
 in the darkened sky.
 I am the thunderhead.
 I blind the sky with lightning.
 The earth trembles with my thunder.
 I rage.
 I drench the mountainside.
 I am the storm.
 Storms come.
 Storms pass.
 I am countless droplets of rain
 left floating in the silent air.
 I reflect all the colors of sunlight.
 I am the rainbow.
 I am one thing.
 I am many things.
 I am water.
 This is my dance through our world.*

- Thomas Locker

Glossary

Cascade	- waterfall in series
Spiralling	- coiled in a round or cone shape
Plunging	- throwing forcefully, diving
Tumble	- roll
Drawn	- pulled towards something
Palisades	- fence of pointed stakes (sticks)
Creek	- arm of river, inlet on seacoast
Drench	- wet thoroughly
Mist	- very fine droplets of water forming a cloud near the ground
Storm front	- a mass of air that brings a storm
Thunderhead	- a part of a large cloud; often appears before a thunderstorm.





ACTIVITY - 5

Explain: " I am one thing, I am many things."

ACTIVITY - 6

Identify me from my description. (Choose from the brackets)

- 1 I don't speak much but I am everywhere.
- 2 I shine bright at night.
- 3 I look threatening.
- 4 I am a welcome pleasure.
- 5 I am lot yet little water

(Silver moonlight, distant seas, countless droplets,
warm sunlight, silent air, darkened sky)

ACTIVITY - 7

The entire poem is an excellent example of **PERSONIFICATION**
(Inanimate objects are spoken of as having life or given human
qualities)

Eg. I tumble down

- Water is given the human quality of tumbling down

Another example

I blind the sky with lightning

Identify the lines in the poem in which personification is used.

ACTIVITY - 8

Adjectives are describing words used to give more meaning to a noun. Give five adjectives you would associate with the following words. The first one is done for you.

Mother

Loving mother

Gentle mother

Strict mother

Good mother

Working mother

Friend, match, beauty, food, movie

ACTIVITY - 9

Adding **__er** to an adjective makes it a comparative adjective. Sometimes the adjective changes its spelling when you add **__er**.

Adjective	Comparative form
Heavy	heavier
Dark	darker
Broad	broader

Use different comparative adjectives to form sentences of your own, like this:

_____ is _____er than _____ .



ACTIVITY - 10

Our country is blessed with varied landscapes. India has mountains, valleys, waterfalls, deserts, rivers, and lakes.

Write a paragraph describing your favourite landscape.

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