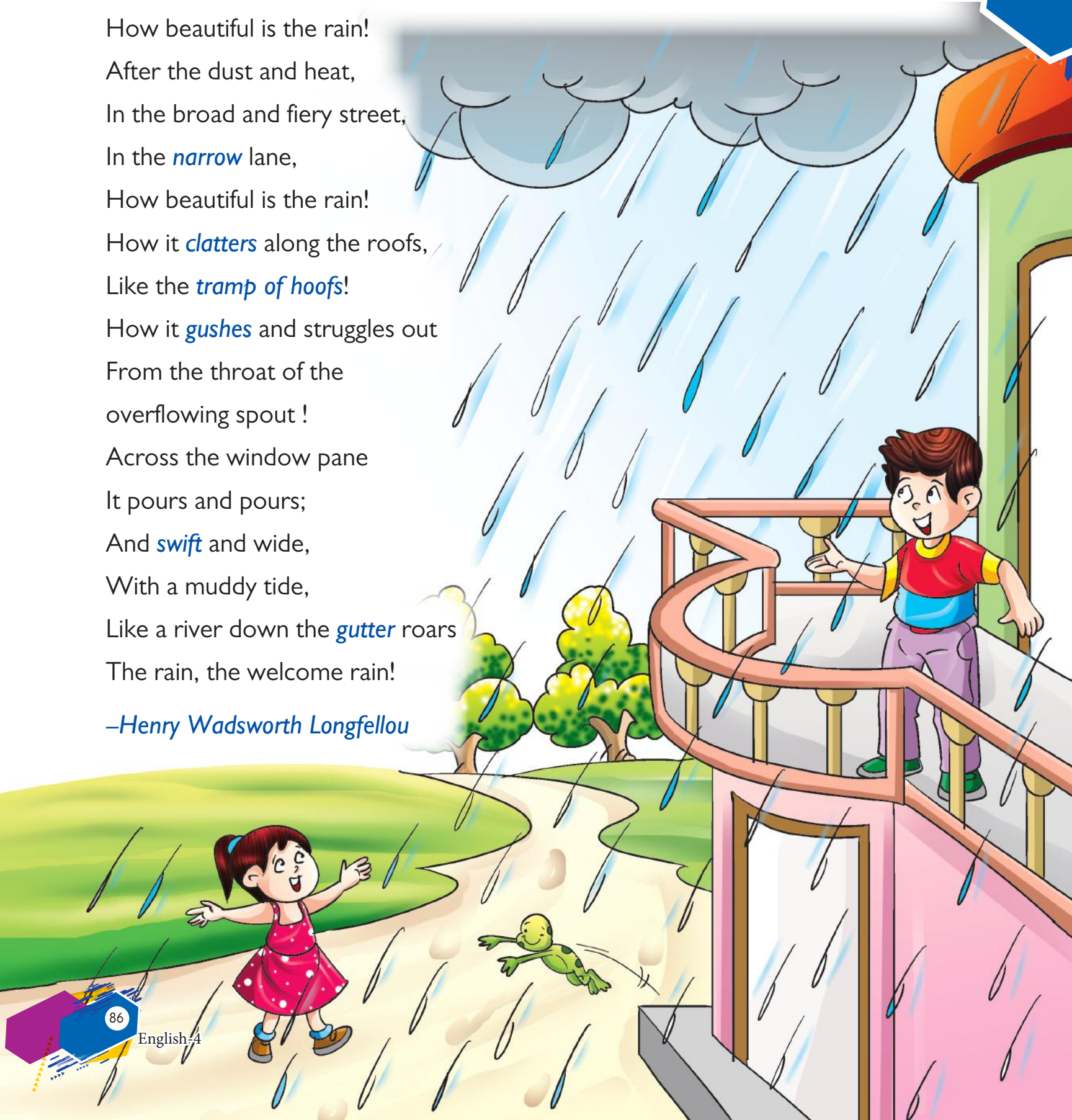


How beautiful is the rain!
After the dust and heat,
In the broad and fiery street,
In the *narrow* lane,
How beautiful is the rain!
How it *clatters* along the roofs,
Like the *tramp of hoofs*!
How it *gushes* and struggles out
From the throat of the
overflowing spout !
Across the window pane
It pours and pours;
And *swift* and wide,
With a muddy tide,
Like a river down the *gutter* roars
The rain, the welcome rain!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



New Word

narrow : small in width

tramp of hoofs : sound of a horse's steps

swift : quick

clatters : sound like many things hitting one another

gushes : fast streams

gutter : a channel for carrying off rainwater



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Multiple choice questions (MCQs). Tick (✓) the correct word :

1. In the broad and fiery _____.

a. street

b. road

c. lane

2. How beautiful is the _____ !

a. flower

b. rain

c. fountain

3. Across the _____ pane.

a. door

b. window

c. ship

B. Answer these questions :

1. What are the words in the poem that describe the street ?
2. What is the meaning of 'welcome rain' ?
3. Do you think the poet likes the rain ? Why ?

Fun with Words

C. Read the following words with silent 't' :

fasten

whistle

listen

rustle

castle

wrestle

nestle

gristle

Essential Grammar

D. Write a verb that is opposite to the verb in italics : :

1. Honey **loved** the monkeys but jagga _____ them.

2. He **sold** his old book and _____ a new cycle.
3. When children **appeared** in garden all the dogs _____ quickly.
4. I **remember** people's name and _____ their address.
5. We **started** the exam in morning and _____ in afternoon.
6. He **broke** the vase and _____ it later.
7. **Shut** the door and _____ the window.

E. Practise speaking these words.

Silent b

- lamb
- thumb
- dumb
- plumber

Silent p

- receipt
- photo
- Thompson
- psychology

Essential Writing

F. Write your own poem on any subject :

Fun to Do

G. Make and paste a paper boat :

