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# Applying Reading Strategies

## *The Midnight Thunderstorm*

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“What was that?” Chrissy cried, waking suddenly from a deep sleep. She sat upright in her bed, clutched tightly to her teddy and stared anxiously around the bedroom. It was completely black. Rain pounded heavily on the bedroom window, making Chrissy wonder how she had even been able to sleep in the first place.

Nervously, she threw back the covers and tiptoed over to her big sister’s bed. She often complained about sharing a room with Julia, but tonight she was secretly thankful for her presence. Chrissy hated thunderstorms.

“Julia? Are you awake? Julia?” Chrissy gently shook her big sister’s shoulders.

“No, I’m not,” Julia mumbled sleepily. “Go back to bed, Chrissy.”

“I can’t sleep,” Chrissy replied. “Please, can I lie with you for a while?

Thunderstorms are so scary.”

Julia opened one eye and smiled. “They’re not scary,” she said. “Just noisy. Noise can’t hurt you, Chrissy. Now go back to bed.”

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Chrissy shrieked and jumped into her sister's arms. She laughed. "You really aren't very brave, are you?"

Chrissy shook her head. "So can I stay?"

Julia nodded gently. "But no snoring. And no stealing all the blankets. Deal?"

"Deal," Chrissy replied. She dove under the covers and closed her eyes. Julia's hair smelled like apples. Finally feeling safe, Chrissy sighed contentedly. She listened to the melodious music of rain on her rooftop and gradually drifted back to sleep.



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### **Before you read – predicting**

Use the title and picture to predict what you think this text is going to be about.

Discuss your ideas with your teacher and classmates.

### **As you read – monitoring and clarifying**

Highlight any words or phrases that you do not understand in the text.

Discuss the possible meanings of these words with your teacher and classmates.

### **As you read – visualising**

List some of the sights, sounds and smells in Chrissy and Julia's bedroom during the thunderstorm.

Sights	Sounds	Smells

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**As you read – inferring**

Discuss these statements with your teacher and classmates.

- How does Chrissy feel during the thunderstorm? How do you know?
- Do you think Julia is scared of thunderstorms? Why or why not?
- Do you think Chrissy and Julia have a good relationship? Why or why not?

Write a sentence explaining what you think might happen when Chrissy and Julia wake up in the morning.

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**After you read – summarising**

The main idea of a text can be described as the idea that a text is mostly about.

What is the main idea of the text, *The Midnight Thunderstorm*?

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