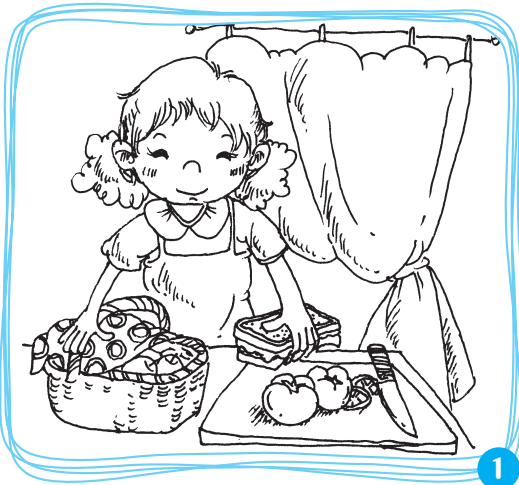


# Theme: Unexpected Events

## Don't Rain during My Picnic!

Write a story based on the pictures below. Your story should be at least 120 words long. Give your own ending to the story.



## Before You Write



# Basic Story Premise

The mother prepared the food to take along on their family picnic.



The family reached their picnic destination and laid down their picnic mat to set up their picnic.



Unfortunately, it started to rain heavily.



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## Useful Words and Phrases

- chopped up an array of fresh vegetables
- freshly squeezed orange juice
- dark clouds enveloped the sky
- the heavens opened, bringing down an outpouring of refreshing rain
- hastily gathered everything into their picnic basket
- soaked to the skin
- drenched

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The sun was shining brightly in the sky. It was a fine day, a day best spent outdoors amidst the splendour and beauty of nature, frolicking in the warm sunshine. Elaine's mother thought likewise. She felt that it was a waste to spend such a glorious day cooped up indoors. As such, she decided to organize a family picnic.

Elaine's mother chopped up an array of fresh vegetables as a healthy ingredient to add to her signature ham and cheese sandwiches. She filled two large plastic bottles with freshly squeezed orange juice and packed some whole grain muesli bars along with an assortment of fresh fruit. All the food was arranged neatly into a large picnic basket. Elaine's mother also brought along some disposable napkins, cutlery and a dark green picnic mat.

The whole family then hopped into the car and off they went to Fort Canning Park for a picnic. When they reached their destination, they unloaded their picnic basket and set out in search of an ideal spot for their picnic. They settled on a grassy patch beneath a shady tree, which provided just the right amount of golden sunshine and cool shade.

The weather is always unpredictable. Barely five minutes into their picnic, dark clouds enveloped the entire sky. Elaine and her family took that as a cue to start packing up. Unfortunately, before they were done, the heavens opened, bringing down an outpouring of refreshing rain. All their food was ruined. Elaine and her family hastily gathered everything into the picnic basket and ran to their car for shelter. Everyone was soaked to the skin. To make sure that no one caught a chill, Elaine's father drove home immediately so that they could have a shower, dry themselves and change into fresh dry clothes.

In the end, Elaine and her family spent their afternoon indoors. As they tucked into a simple home-cooked meal prepared by Elaine's mother, everyone took delight in that simple pleasure. They were happy spending time together as a family and how or where they spent it did not matter. The heavy rain which poured outside drenched everything in its path, but it failed to dampen the spirits of Elaine and her happy family.