

Beginning Short Stories – “An Overcast Day”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version



Hi, nice to meet you. My name is Tetsuo.

Hi, nice to meet you as well. My name is James. How are you?

I am fine, thank you. How are you?

I am unhappy.

Why are you unhappy?

I am unhappy because it is dark and cloudy. I do not like this weather.

Do not worry! Tomorrow it will be sunny!

Advanced Version

Hi, nice to meet you. My name is Tetsuo.

Hi, nice to meet you as well. My name is James. How are you?

I am fine, thank you. How are you?

I am unhappy.

Why are you unhappy?

I am unhappy because it is *overcast*. I do not like this weather.

Do not worry! Tomorrow it will be sunny!

Questions:

1. How is Tetsuo?
2. Why is James unhappy?
3. What will the weather be like tomorrow?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does “*overcast*” mean? (*sentence 6*)