The Sound of Rain

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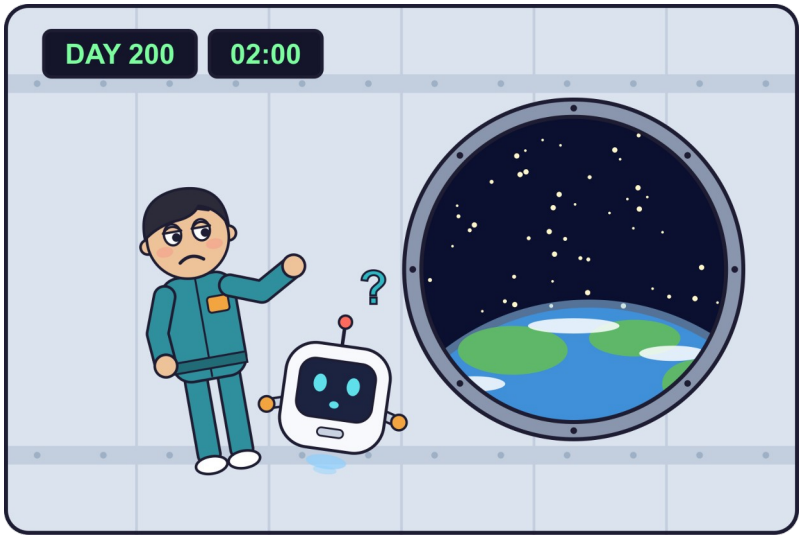
Story 4 • Level A2 • People: Kai and Pim



Kai lives on a space station . Today is day two

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hundred ? . ↘ It is night , but he can't sleep . His

r flap dropped

small robot , ↗ Pim , ↗ comes to him .

Pim: Kai , it's two o'clock ? . ↘ Why are you awake ? ↘

w-glide j-glide w-glide

Kai: I don't know . ↘ It's too quiet here ? . ↘

dropped

Pim: Do you want music ? ↗

dropped

Kai: No , thanks . ↘

Pim: Do you want a story ? ↗ I know four thousand

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stories . ↘

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Kai (ˈk aɪ): No (n oʊ) . ↘ **Pim** (ˈp ɪ m) , do (d ə) you (j u:) **know** (ø ˈn oʊ) what (w ʌ t) I (aɪ) **miss** (ˈm ɪ s) ?↗

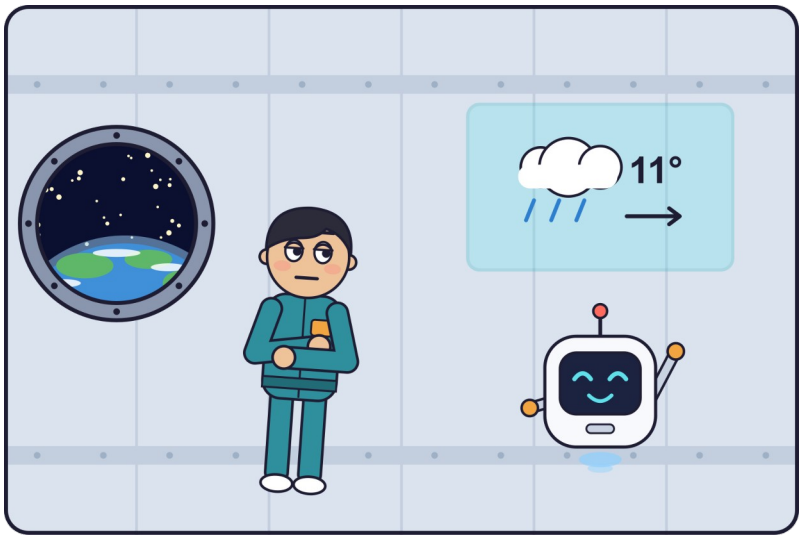
r flap

Pim (ˈp ɪ m): **Pizza** (ˈp i: ø ts ə) . ↘ You (j u:) **say** (ˈs eɪ) it (ɪ t) **every** (ˈɛ v ø ɹ i ?) **day** (ˈd eɪ) . ↘

j-glide

r flap

Kai (ˈk aɪ): **Rain** (ˈɹ eɪ n) . ↘ I (aɪ) **miss** (ˈm ɪ s) the (ð ə) **rain** (ˈɹ eɪ n) . ↘



Pim (ˈp ɪ m) **thinks** (ˈθ ɪ ŋ k s) . ↘ **Then** (ˈð ɛ n) a (ə) **picture** (ˈp ɪ k tʃ ɚ ø) **comes** (ˈk ʌ m ø z) on (ɑ: n) its (ɪ t s) **screen** (ˈs k ɹ i: n) .

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Pim (ˈp ɪ m): It's (ɪ t ø s) **raining** (ˈɹ eɪ n ɪ ŋ) in (ɪ n) your (j ɚ) **city** (ˈs ɪ ɾ i) **right** (ˈɹ aɪ t) **now** (ˈn aʊ) . Eleven (ɪ ˈl ɛ v ø ən) **degrees** (dɪ ˈg ɹ i: z) . ↘ **Wind** (ˈw ɪ n d²) from (f ɹ ə m) the (ð ə) **west** (ˈw ɛ s t) . ↘

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ø dropped

Kai (ˈk aɪ): That's (ð æ t ø s) not (n ɑ: t) **rain** (ˈɹ eɪ n) , **Pim** (ˈp ɪ m) . ↘ That's (ð æ t ø s) the (ð ə) **weather** (ˈw ɛ ð ɚ) **report** (ɹ ɪ ˈp ɔ: ɹ t?) . ↘

Pim (ˈp ɪ m): What's (w ʌ t ø s) the (ð ə) **difference** (ˈd ɪ f ɚ ø ən s ø) ? ↘

Kai: ˈk aɪ

ˈɹ eɪ n ɪ z ə ˈs aʊ n d . ↘ ɪ t ∅ s ɑ: n ð ə ˈɹ u: f ə n d ɑ: n ð ə

Rain is a **sound** . ↘ It 's on the **roof** and on the

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ˈw ɪ n d oʊ j u: ˈh i: ɹ ɪ t ɪ n ˈb ɛ d , ə n d j u: ˈf i: l

win•dow . You **hear** it in **bed** , and you **feel**

linked r flap n → m d+j → dʒ

ˈw ɔ: ɹ m ə n d ˈs eɪ f ∅ .

warm and **safe** .

linked ∅ dropped

Pim: ˈp ɪ m

aɪ ˈʌ n d ɚ ˌs t æ n d ? . ↘ ˈw eɪ t ˈh ɪ ɹ ∅ ? . ↘

I **un•der•stand** ? . ↘ **Wait here** ? . ↘

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Kai: ˈk aɪ

ˈw ɛ ɹ ∅ k ə n aɪ ˈg oʊ ? ↘

Where can I **go** ? ↘

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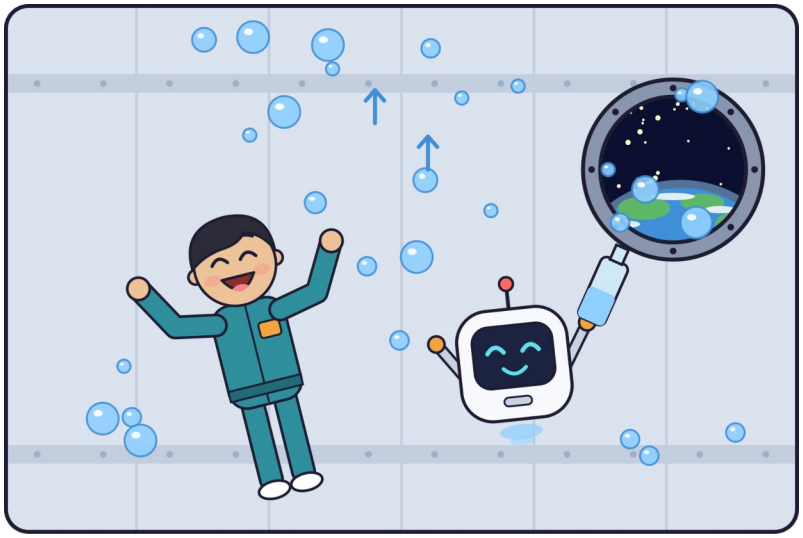

ˈp ɪ m ˈk ʌ m ∅ z ˈb æ k w ɪ ð ə ˈb ɑ: ɾ əl ∅ ə v ˈw ɔ: ɾ ɚ ə n d ˈo ʊ p ∅ ə n z ɪ t

Pim **comes** **back** with a **bot•tle** of **wat•er** and **o•pens** it

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. ˈɹ aʊ n d ˈd ɹ ɑ: p s ə v ˈw ɔ: ɾ ɚ ˈf l aɪ ˈs l oʊ l i ɚ ˈaʊ n d ð ə ˈɹ u: m .

Round **drops** of **wat•er** **fly** **slow•ly** ar•**ound** the **room** .

dropped linked j-glide dropped

Pim: ˈp ɪ m

ˈɹ eɪ n !

Rain ! ↘

Kai: ˈk aɪ

[*laughing*] ˈp ɪ m , ˈɹ eɪ n ˈf ɔ: l z ˈd aʊ n . ↘ ð ɪ s ˈɹ eɪ n ɪ z

[*laughing*] **Pim** , **rain** **falls** **down** . ↘ This **rain** is

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ˈg oʊ ɪ ŋ ʌ p

go•ing up . ↘

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ˈpɪm ˈnʌθ ɪŋ ˈfɔːl z ˈdaʊn ˈhɪɹ ∅ ? aɪ kæn ∅ t ˈtʃeɪndʒ ∅
Pim: **Noth**•ing **falls** **down** **here**? . ↘ I can't **change**
∅ dropped

ð æt
that . ↘

ˈkaɪ aɪ ∅ ˈnoʊ ɪt ∅ s ˈoʊˌkeɪ ˈθæŋk juː fɚ ˈtɹaɪ ɪŋ
Kai: I **know** . ↘ It's **O**•**K** . ↘ **Thank** you for **try**•ing . ↘
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ˈkaɪ ˈkæ tʃ əz ə ˈdɹɑːp əv ˈwɔːɾ ɚ ɪn hɪz ˈmaʊθ ˈpɪm ɪz
Kai **catch**•es a **drop** of **wat**•er in his **mouth** . **Pim** is
linked linked linked linked

ˈkwaɪ ət fɚ ə ˈmɪn ət ∅ ²
qui•et for a **min**•ute .
linked

ˈpɪm aɪ hæv ∅ ˈoʊni ˈmɔːɹ ∅ aɪ ˈdiː ∅ ə aɪ ˈniːd tə ˈmeɪk ∅ ə
Pim: I have **o**•ne? **more** **i**•**de**•a . ↘ I **need** to **make** a
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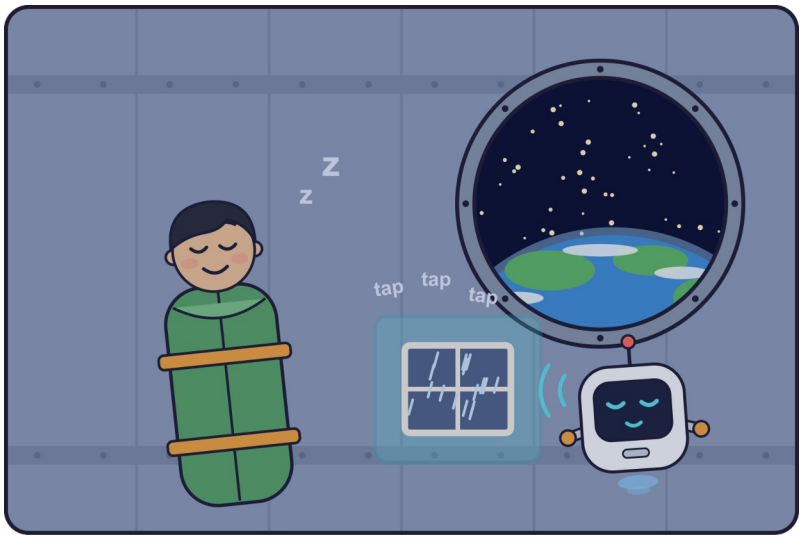
ˈkɔːl
call .



ˈtʌn ˈmɪn ət ∅ s ˈleɪɾ ɚ ˈðɛɹ ∅ ɪz ə ˈnuː ˈsaʊnd ɪn ðə
Ten? **min**•utes **la**•ter , **there** is a **new** **sound** in the
linked linked linked

ˈɹuːm ɪt ɪz ˈsɔːft ənd ˈfɑːɹ ˈʌwˌeɪ ˈtæp ˈtæp
room . It is **soft**? and **far** **aw**•**ay**? . **Tap** , ↗ **tap** , ↗
ɾ flap linked ∅ dropped linked

ˈtæp
tap . ↘

ˈkaɪ wʌt ∅ s ðæt
Kai: What's that ? ↘

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ˈpɪm j ɚ ˈsɪs t ɚ ∅ z ˈfoʊ n i ɪ t ∅ s ɑː n h ɝ ˈkɪ tʃ ∅ ən
Pim: Your sis•ter's pho•ne? . ↘ It's on her kitch•en
linked

ˈwɪ n d oʊ
win•dow . ↘

ˈkaɪ ɪ z ð æ t ð ə ˈɹ eɪ n ə t ˈhoʊm ∅ ˈɹ aɪ t ˈn aʊ
Kai: Is that the rain at home ? ↗ Right now ? ↗
linked

ˈpɪm ˈj ɛ s ʃ iː ˈs ɛ ∅ z ˈh ɛ l oʊ ʃ iː ˈɔː l s oʊ ˈs ɛ ∅ z ˈgoʊ
Pim: Yes . ↘ She says hell•o? . ↘ She al•so says , go
j-glide

t ə ˈs l iː p
to sleep .

ˈkaɪ ˈk l oʊ z ɪ z h ɪ z ∅ ˈaɪ ∅ z h iː ˈl ɪ s ∅ ∅ ən z f ɚ ə ˈl ɔː ŋ ˈt aɪ m ∅
Kai clo•ses his eyes . ↘ He lis•tens for a long time .
linked linked

ˈpɪm ˈkaɪ d ə j uː ˈwɔː n t m iː t ə ˈt ɝ n ɪ t
Pim: [*quietly*] **Kai** ? ↗ Do you want? me to turn it
∅ dropped linked

ˈɔː f
off ? ↗

ˈkaɪ n oʊ ˈl iː v ∅ ɪ t ɑː n
Kai: No . ↘ Leave it on . ↘
linked ɾ flap

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HOW TO READ THIS PAGE

'riːd **read**	Stressed part — say it louder & longer	tə to	Weak word — say it quick & soft
∅ e	Silent letter — don't say it	θ th	Two letters spell one sound
wa•ter	Dot · marks a syllable break	go ‿ on	Linked — blend the words together
? ↗ ↘	Voice rises ↗ or falls ↘	sɛvən 7	Number — how to say it aloud
read ²	Has a second pronunciation	guess ?	Best guess — double-check it

IPA KEY

Vowels	i as in *happy*	iː as in *see*	uː as in *blue*	æ as in *cat*	ɑː as in *father*				
	ɔː as in *law*	ə as in *about*	ɛ as in *bed*	ɪ as in *sit*	ʌ as in *cup*				
Diphthongs	aɪ as in *my*	aʊ as in *cow*	eɪ as in *say*	oʊ as in *boat*					
R-colored	ɚ as in *letter*	ɝ as in *bird*							
Consonants	dʒ as in *judge*	j as in *yes*	tʃ as in *chair*	ð as in *this*	ŋ as in *sing*				
	ɹ as in *red*	ɾ as in *butter*	ʃ as in *shop*	θ as in *thin*					

'n uː 'w ɝ d z New words

's peɪ s ∅ spac e 's teɪ ʃ ə n sta•ti on	ə 'pleɪ s ∅ A plac e (linked) ɪ n i n 's peɪ s ∅ spac e 'w ɛ ɹ ∅ wher e 'piː ∅ ∅ p əl ∅ p eo•p l e 'l aɪ v ∅ ² l iv e ə n d and 'w ɝ k **work** . (∅ dropped)
ə 'weɪ k ∅ a•wak e	n ɑː t Not 's l iː sl ee•p i ng . ↘
'm ɪ s mi ss	t ə To 'f iː l feel 's æ d sad b ɪ k ɔː z ∅ be•c au s e (linked) ə a 'p ɝ s ə n per•son (linked) ɔː ɹ ə or a (linked) 'θ ɪ ŋ th i ng (linked) ɪ z i s n ɑː t not w ɪ ð wi th j uː y ou .
'w ɛ ð ɚ weath•er ɹ ɪ r e•'pɔː ɹ t port ?	'n uː z News (linked) ə a•b aʊ t ab•out ð ə th e 'w ɛ ð ɚ weath•er , ↗ f ɚ for ɪ gz 'æ m p əl ∅ ex•am•p l e 'ɹ eɪ n rain , ↗ 's ʌ n sun (linked) ɔː ɹ or 'w ɪ n d ² wind .
'd ɹ ɑː p drop	ə A 's mɔː l sma ll , 'ɹ aʊ n d round 'p iː s ∅ pie c e (∅ dropped, linked) ə v of 'wɔː ɾ ɚ wat•er .

ˈt ɝ n ˈɔ: f **turn off** linked	t ə ˈs t ɑ: p ə m ə ˈʃ i: n ∅ , ə ˈl aɪ t ɔ: ɹ ə To **stop** a ma•**chine**, a **light** or a linked r flap linked ˈs aʊ n d **sound** .

ˈk w ɛ s tʃ ∅ ə n z
Ques•tions

1. ˈw ɛ ɹ ∅ d ə ∅ z ˈk aɪ ˈl aɪ v ∅ z
Where does **Kai** **live**s ?↘

2. w ʌ t d ə ∅ z ˈk aɪ ˈm ɪ s
What does **Kai** **miss** ?↘

3. ˈw aɪ ɪ z ð ə ˈw ɛ ð ɚ ɹ ɪ ˈp ɔ: ɹ t ? n ɑ: t ð ə ˈs eɪ m ∅ ə z ˈɹ eɪ n
Why is the **weath**•**er** re•**port**? not the **same** as **rain**
j-glide ∅ dropped linked

f ɚ ˈk aɪ
for **Kai** ?↘

4. w ʌ t ˈh æ p ∅ ə n z t ə ð ə ˈw ɔ: ɾ ɚ f ɹ ə m ð ə ˈb ɑ: ɾ ə l ∅
What **happe**•ns to the **wat**•**er** from the **bo tt**•le ?↘

5. ˈw ɛ ɹ ∅ d ə ∅ z ð ə ˈs aʊ n d ə v ˈɹ eɪ n ˈk ʌ m ∅ f ɹ ə m ə t ð i
Where does the **sound** of **rain** **come** from at the
linked n → ŋ linked

ˈɛ n d
end ?↘

ˈt ɔ: ∅ k ə b aʊ t ɪ t
Talk a•bout it
linked ɾ flap

w ʌ t ˈs aʊ n d z ˈh ɛ l p j u: ˈs l i: p ? w ʌ t d ə j u: ˈm ɪ s w ɛ n
What **sounds** **help** you **sleep** ? What do you **miss** when

j u: ɑ: ɹ ∅ ˈf ɑ: ɹ f ɹ ə m ˈh oʊ m ∅ ?↘
you are **far** from **home** ?↘
w-glide