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Learning Activity Sheet

The Sounds of English: Jazz Chants and Raps

A. Analyze the chant below. Then, underline the stressed words once.

It Was Raining When She Saw Him

by Carolyn Graham

It was raining when she saw him.

It was raining when they met.

It was pouring when they fell in love,
the streets were dark and wet.

It was raining when they parted.

There were dark clouds in the sky.

It was raining when he left her,
when he turned and said “Good-bye.”

B. Answer the following questions in 1-2 sentences.

1. What words are stressed in jazz chants?

2. What words are usually stressed in jazz chants?

3. How does a jazz chant resemble the form of a poem? How is it different from and similar to a poem?

4. How does a rap compare or contrast with a jazz chant or a poem?

5. Why is it important to have knowledge and be aware of stress in English when dealing with any poems, jazz chants and raps?

