

Now answer the following questions:

1. Why is the stranger dressed in black and grey?
.....to blend into the background, to make us think that he is up to no good, to suggest he is boring.....
2. Where does the poem take place? Explain how you know.
The kitchen - washing up, kettle, toaster, marmalade etc
3. What time of day did the sound collector arrive? Explain how you know.
Breakfast time because it was morning - baby was crying, lots of activity in the kitchen with marmalade, toaster, kettle,
4. Why do you think the poet used 'drumming' to describe the raindrops?
Sounds rhythmical - there is a steady beat to the raindrops on the window
5. What did the sound collector leave behind?
silence
6. What do you think this means for the family?
Boring, unhappy life because there are no sounds or sign of activity
7. What is the poem about?
The everyday noises we take for granted. We hear them, but we don't necessarily notice them
8. What tense is it written in?
past