

DAiSY: Get Writing Micro-podcast: Week 6 - Breaking the drought

Hello, here's another writing exercise for DAiSY from me, Jackie Wills. This one's about the end of a long, hot stretch without rain. Think of days of heat when anyone with a vegetable garden has to water to keep their plants alive. In parts of the world drought lasts months or years.

Now start writing. How does it feel when the drought breaks and the rain falls? Can you smell the rain coming? Describe what the sky looks like, describe changes, describe the light. Stay with this description for as long as you like and can keep going.

And then if you want to change focus, go on to describe how your body reacts to the drought ending. Do you feel different? What does your skin notice? If the drought breaks dramatically, with wind, thunder and lightning, compare the sounds it makes to the sounds humans make.

You can go even further into what the rain reminds you of. You can write about the places where the rain gathers, you can describe times where there are gaps in the storm. Remember how animals and birds react to the rain and wind. Write as if you're documenting an unusual phenomenon and more importantly, something to be celebrated.