Interesting Words

In “A Hot Summer Day,” author Jane Yolen is careful to use just the right words to describe the summer day. These words help the reader picture the description.

Read the words in dark print and their definitions in the word box.

| scaterring | causing to go in many directions |
|gentle     | mild and soft                     |
|patter     | to make quick, light taps          |
perspiration | sweat, or moisture given off through the skin |
shivered    | shook or trembled                  |
squinty     | partly open                        |

Write the word in dark print that finishes each sentence.

1. Dana was so hot that she had ______ ______ ______ ______ on her face.
2. Kamal ______ ______ ______ as he walked in the icy rain.
3. The wind blew, ______ ______ ______ ______ leaves everywhere.
4. A light, ______ ______ ______ breeze blew through the open door.
5. We heard the soft raindrops ______ ______ against the windows.
6. Bob looked at the bright light through ______ ______ ______ eyes.

Now unscramble the letters in the boxes to find the names of two characters from “A Hot Summer Day.”

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Challenge

Look up the meanings of the words frigid, majestic, and sweltering in a dictionary. Write each word and its definition on a separate sheet of paper. Then write a sentence for each word, and draw a picture of each sentence.