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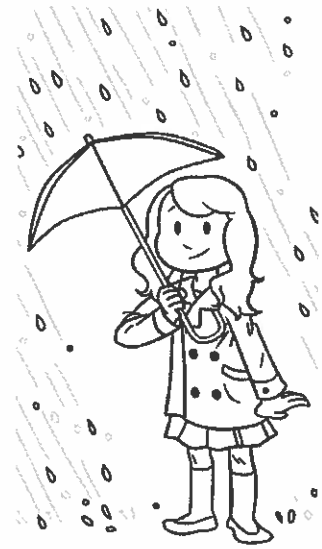**José asked, "Do you think it will rain today?"**
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