

**Class - VIII English December Month Notes****A Short Monsoon Diary****I. ERC**

- a) 'Although tin roofs are given to springing unaccountable leaks, there is a feeling of being untouched by, and yet in touch with, the rain'.

**1. Why has the writer used the word, 'springing'?**

**Ans:** The roofs develop leaks from unexpected spots during monsoon. The word 'springing' means to develop suddenly.

**2. How is the untouched by the rain?**

**Ans:** The tin roof physically stops the rain drops from touching the writer.

- b) "Don't kill it", admonishes their grandmother. "Chuchundars are lucky- they bring money".

**1. Why did the grandmother told the children not to kill the Chuchundar?**

**Ans:** Chuchundar was a symbol of luck and hence grandmother refrained the kids from killing it.

**2. What is Chuchundar?**

**Ans.** Chuchundar (shrew) is a small animal like a mouse with long nose.

**II. Short answers :****1) Where do the snakes and rodents take shelter? Why?**

**Ans:** The snakes and rodents take shelter in roofs, attics, and godowns.

They do so because their holes are flooded with rain water.

**2) What are the two ways in which the hills appear to change when the mist comes up?**

Ans: When the mist comes up, the birds fall silent. The mist covers the hills.

The forest becomes deathly still as though it was midnight.

**III. Detail answers:**

**1) When does the monsoon season begin, and when does it end? How do you prepare to face the monsoon?**

Ans: In India, the monsoon starts setting in from May-end every year.

According to the author's monsoon diaries, the monsoon mist first appears in Mussoorie on June 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> and continues until August 31<sup>st</sup> or mid Sep.

We usually carry umbrellas and raincoats to face the monsoon and protect ourselves from getting drenched and falling ill unnecessarily.