A Stormy Day

Professor Smiley made an announcement to reporters about a new weather forecasting instrument. He stood next to it. It was a grayish metal box that had shiny dials and flashy digital displays all over.

“This new instrument will forecast weather perfectly,” explained the professor to reporters.
Professor Smiley then hit a switch. The box started to hum and dials started to spin and point. The professor read digital displays.

“In this neighborhood, it will be sunny and breezy all day,” Professor Smiley said with excitement. “It will be a nice day for all kinds of outdoor enjoyment. Go fly a kite or play ball.”

Reporter Heather Rose looked at the sky behind the professor. It looked darkish and cloudy. “Are you sure our weather will not be rainy and chilly?” she asked.

Professor Smiley took his glasses off and looked a bit grouchy. “It’s almost foolish to ask that!” he exclaimed. “This instrument tells me there is no likelihood for gloomy weather today. This instrument is not capable of falsehood.”

As the professor spoke, the sky behind him turned greenish and stormy. A windy gust whipped his hat off. Big drops of rain started to fall. The professor looked up in amazement. Then he and the reporters ran for shelter.

“Do you have any more statements about your weather forecasting instrument?” yelled Reporter Rose as she ran next to Professor Smiley.

“Yes,” said the grumpy professor. “Thanks to this nasty development, this weather forecasting instrument is now in retirement!”