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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Plants and animals need water to survive. In some places, there is a lot of rain. In other places, the climate is very dry. A *drought* (drou) is a long period of dry weather that can be harmful to people. If plants cannot grow, then food is not made. Droughts can last for months or years.

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Total**1.** Which statement about water is true?

- (A) Plants and animals need water.
- (B) People need less water than plants.
- (C) Too much water can cause a drought.
- (D) Water is not necessary for plants to grow.

2. What happens if plants do not grow?

- (A) A drought gets worse.
- (B) The climate will become drier.
- (C) Food is not made.
- (D) The drought will end.

3. What is the root word in *harmful*?

- (A) ful
- (B) armful
- (C) arm
- (D) harm

4. Which word means almost the same as *climate*?

- (A) survive
- (B) plant
- (C) weather
- (D) water

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Water is unique. It has special properties. Water can be a solid, a liquid, or a gas. No other substance can do that. Water can be frozen. Freezing it changes water to ice. Ice can melt. This changes water back to a liquid. Then the water can be heated. It becomes a gas.

1. What is the main idea?

- (A) Water becomes a gas when it is heated.
- (B) Water becomes a liquid when it melts.
- (C) Water is unique because it can be a solid, a liquid, or a gas.
- (D) Ice is water as a solid.

2. What happens when water freezes?

- (A) It changes to ice.
- (B) It changes to a gas.
- (C) It becomes unique.
- (D) It changes to a liquid.

3. Which words have the same vowel sound?

- (A) *melt* and *gas*
- (B) *freezing* and *heated*
- (C) *unique* and *liquid*
- (D) *changes* and *water*

4. What do you know about the meaning of the word *unique* by reading this text?

- (A) It is about heating and freezing something.
- (B) It describes a liquid.
- (C) It describes something related to water.
- (D) It describes something that is one-of-a-kind.

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Large pieces of ice are melting on Earth right now. They are called *ice caps*. These are like mountains of ice. The melted ice causes a lot of problems. It raises the water levels in our oceans. The higher water levels cause flooding. Why are the ice caps melting? Because our planet is getting warmer and warmer each year.

1. What is causing the ice caps to melt?

- (A) The ocean levels are rising.
- (B) The planet is getting warmer.
- (C) flooding
- (D) The mountains of ice are freezing.

2. What are ice caps?

- (A) flooding
- (B) frozen oceans
- (C) mountains of ice
- (D) ice cubes

3. Which suffix could be added to the root word *melt*?

- (A) *-less*
- (B) *-er*
- (C) *-s*
- (D) *-tion*

4. Which of the following could cause *flooding*?

- (A) high water levels
- (B) a drought
- (C) an earthquake
- (D) a full moon

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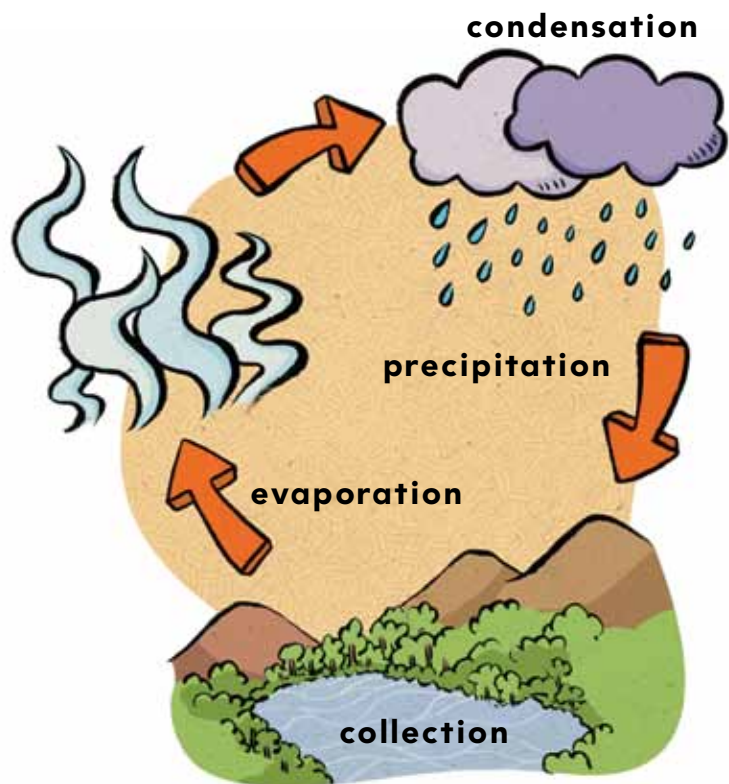
The Water Cycle

There is only so much water on Earth. New water is not being made anywhere. Instead, water is recycled over and over. The water from a lake comes from the rain in a cloud. That cloud is made up of water that came from the lake. This process is called the *water cycle*.

The water cycle has four parts. First, water comes down from the sky. This is called *precipitation* (pri-sip-i-TEY-shuhn). It might be rain or hail. It could be snow or sleet, too. The water comes from clouds. It falls to the ground and collects in puddles. It also goes into oceans, lakes, and rivers. This is called *collection*.

Then the sun heats the water in the oceans, lakes, and rivers. It turns the water into a gas. The *vapor* (VEY-per), or steam, goes into the air. This is called *evaporation* (ih-vap-uh-REY-shuhn).

When the water goes into the air, it gets cold. Finally, the water changes back into clouds. This is called *condensation* (kon-den-SEY-shuhn). The clouds gather more and more water. They get heavy. What happens next? It rains! The water cycle starts all over again.



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1. Which is **not** a real-world example of the water cycle?

- (A) the summer sun warming a lake
- (B) snow melting
- (C) drinking a glass of water
- (D) clouds about to burst with rain

2. Water gathered on the ground and in oceans and lakes is called

- (A) convection.
- (B) connection.
- (C) collection.
- (D) correction.

3. What is the gas form of water called?

- (A) vapor
- (B) hail
- (C) sleet
- (D) snow

4. What is the correct order of the water cycle?

- (A) precipitation, collection, evaporation, condensation
- (B) collection, precipitation, condensation, evaporation
- (C) precipitation, evaporation, condensation, collection
- (D) condensation, precipitation, evaporation, collection

5. What is the main idea?

- (A) Water can fall as rain, snow, sleet, or hail.
- (B) Water is recycled over and over.
- (C) There is less water on Earth now than there was 100 years ago.
- (D) It is not safe to drink water from a lake or ocean.

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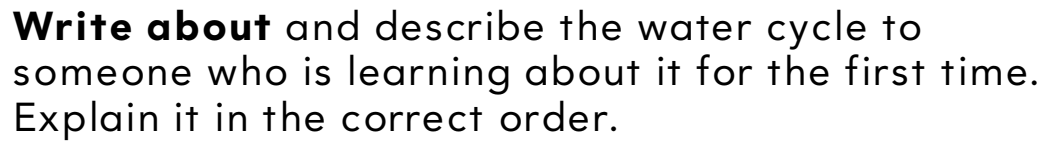
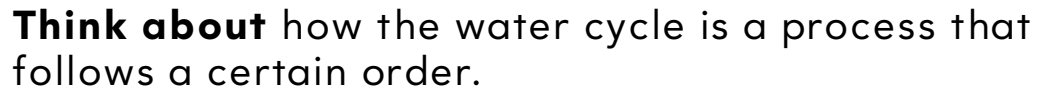
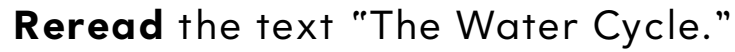
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