

Where Rain Comes From

Read the text. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 Rain falls from the clouds. But how does the water get up into the sky?
- 2 The sun warms the water in oceans, lakes, and puddles. Because the water gets warm, some of it turns into a gas called water vapor. You cannot see water vapor. It rises high into the air.
- 3 High in the sky, the air is cold. The cold air makes the water vapor turn back into tiny drops of water. Millions of tiny drops come together, and so a cloud forms.
- 4 Inside the cloud, the tiny drops bump into each other and join. They grow bigger and heavier. When the drops get too heavy to stay up, they fall to the ground as rain. The rain fills the oceans, lakes, and puddles, and it all starts again.



Where Rain Comes From: Questions

Go back to the text to find your proof. Underline it in the color shown.

1. What causes water to turn into water vapor?

red

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- ☐ The sun warms the water.
- ☐ Fish swim in the water.

2. What happens when water vapor meets the cold air high in the sky?

orange

- ☐ It turns back into tiny drops of water.
- ☐ It turns into wind.
- ☐ It falls into the ocean.

3. Why do the drops fall to the ground as rain?

yellow

4. Finish the chart. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens.

CAUSE

The sun warms the water.

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EFFECT

CAUSE

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EFFECT

A cloud forms.

CAUSE

The drops get too heavy to stay up.

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EFFECT

5. Which word in paragraph 3 tells you that an effect is coming?

green

- ☐ high
- ☐ tiny
- ☐ so

Where Rain Comes From: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

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☒ **The sun warms the water.**

☐ Fish swim in the water.

Proof Paragraph 2: “Because the water gets warm, some of it turns into a gas called water vapor.”

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Proof Paragraph 3: “The cold air makes the water vapor turn back into tiny drops of water.”

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CAUSE

The sun warms the water.

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EFFECT

Some water turns into water vapor.

CAUSE

Millions of tiny drops come together.

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EFFECT

A cloud forms.

CAUSE

The drops get too heavy to stay up.

→

EFFECT

They fall as rain.

5. Which word in paragraph 3 tells you that an effect is coming?

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☒ **so**

Proof Paragraph 3: “Millions of tiny drops come together, and so a cloud forms.”