Expository Writing- Transitional Words

Revise the following report by adding a title, topic sentence, some transitional words, and a conclusion.

1. As you read, pick the best transitional phrases to add in.

Some clouds are high in the sky. These are called *cirrus* clouds. Cirrus clouds are thin and look airy. _____ Cumulus clouds are white and puffy. The look like soft cotton. These clouds usually float in the middle of the sky. Another kind of cloud is the *stratus*._____ Stratus clouds look like large sheets. _____The clouds that bring the rain are called *nimbus*. These clouds sit low over our heads, and they are dark and gray.

Can you guess which cloud type is the coldest? The cirrus clouds are. They are mostly made of ice crystals. Do you know why scientists study clouds?

2. Pick the best topic for the report.

a. Scientists and Clouds b. Many Types of Clouds c. The Sky

3. Which is the best topic sentence for the report?

a. Looking at the sky is incredible.

b. Clouds are everywhere.

c. The sky is filled with a variety of clouds.

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4. Choose the best concluding sentence for the report.

a. Clouds are in the sky.

b. As you can see, there are many different types of clouds covering our atmosphere.

c. In conclusion, cumulus clouds look like cotton candy.

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