Lesson 1 · What is the water cycle?

1 The water cycle. What do the pictures show? Label the stages shown in the photos.

precipitation condensation storage evaporation

The Water Cycle

_____ _____ _____ _____

2 Describing the water cycle. Circle the correct words.

a The heat from the sun causes water to become **rain** / **water vapor** and rise into the air. _____

b Water vapor **cools down** / **heats up** and it becomes liquid again. Tiny water droplets form clouds. _____

c **Water particles** / **Clouds** join together. They become heavy and fall to Earth as rain, snow, sleet, or hail. _____

d Some water seeps into the ground. Some water flows over the land, and **evaporates** / **collects** in streams, lakes, and oceans. _____

3 Which stage in the water cycle? Write the stages to match the descriptions, in 2 above.

4 What happens? Read the descriptions. Choose *condensation* or *evaporation*.

1 You put wet clothes near a heater. **condensation** / **evaporation**

2 You have a very hot shower and the bathroom mirror is covered with tiny droplets of water. **condensation** / **evaporation**

3 You put a glass in the freezer. When you take it out ten minutes later, the glass looks cloudy. **condensation** / **evaporation**

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