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Where does rain come from?

Words to know

shines	collects	evaporates	liquid	gas
cool	droplets	clouds	rivers	ocean

Read

A Look at the text and the diagram. What forms of water can you see (solid / liquid / gas)? When do you think water changes form?

B Read.

The Water Cycle



When the sun shines, it heats the ocean. When the water in the ocean becomes warm, it evaporates. This means that it changes from a liquid to a gas and rises up into the air. When the water is in the air, it becomes cool again. It changes

into droplets of water. The droplets become clouds. When the clouds are full of water, drops of water fall to the ground. These drops of water are rain or snow. The water from rain and snow collects in the rivers and flows into the ocean.

Understand

C Match the sentence parts below to make complete sentences.

1 When the sun shines on the ocean,	•	• a rain falls to the ground.
2 When water becomes warm,	•	• b the water becomes warm.
3 When the water droplets in the air cool,	•	• c it collects in rivers and into the ocean.
4 When the clouds are full of water,	•	• d they become clouds.
5 When rain or snow falls,	•	• e it rises up into the air.

D Write the numbers from C on the diagram.



E Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

cool air warm ocean

- 1 The sun heats the water in the _____.
- 2 Water changes from a liquid to a gas when it is _____.
- 3 When water evaporates, it rises into the _____.
- 4 Water changes from a gas to a liquid when it is _____.

F Think about the water cycle. Does it rain a lot where you live? Where does the water collect? Why do we need rain?



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Think

G The ocean is a collection of water. What other collections of water can you think of? Make a list.



Plan

H Choose one of the collections of water in G. Read the questions and write your answers in the flowchart.

- 1 What is the collection of water?
- 2 What happens when the sun shines on the water?
- 3 What happens when the water droplets cool?
- 4 What happens when the clouds are full of water?
- 5 What happens when the rain falls?

1 The cycle of a _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

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Writing focus

Cause and **effect** tell how one event makes another event happen. The **cause** is why something happens. The **effect** is what happens after the cause.

Cause

The sun shines on the ocean.

Effect

It heats the water in the ocean.

Write

J Now write about the cycle of a collection of water. Use your work in **H** to help you, and think about cause and effect. Then, draw a diagram to show the cycle.

The Cycle of a _____

When the sun shines, _____.

When the water _____

_____.

Edit

K Read and check.

In my writing:

- I can follow a writing plan.
- I can write about causes and effects.
- I can write about a cycle.
- I can draw a diagram explaining the cycle.