

Reading Comprehension 12- Passage
Grade 5

The Journey of a Raindrop

Drip. Drip. Drop. I feel myself falling from a heavy cloud, along with my fellow raindrops. My journey has begun! I was once part of a vast ocean, resting peacefully under the golden sun. But as the heat touched my surface, I felt lighter, rising into the sky as invisible vapor. This process is called evaporation.

As I soared higher, I joined countless other water droplets. Together, we formed fluffy, white clouds drifting through the sky. Soon, the air around us turned cold, and we huddled close, clinging to dust particles. This process, called condensation, turned us into tiny water droplets again. The cloud grew heavier, and soon, it could no longer hold us. Gravity pulled us down—this was precipitation.

I tumbled through the sky, swaying with the wind, and finally landed on a vast green field. The soft soil welcomed me as I seeped underground, joining an underground stream. Some of my friends flowed into rivers, while others settled in lakes and ponds. As groundwater, I traveled deep beneath the earth, moving through tiny spaces between rocks.

Days passed before I found myself being drawn up through the roots of a grand oak tree. The tree needed water to survive, and I was happy to help! I traveled through its stem, reaching the highest leaves. When the sun shone brightly, I felt myself turn into vapor again, rising into the sky through the process of transpiration.

And so, my journey continued—an endless cycle of adventure, movement, and transformation. I never truly disappear; I simply change form, always traveling through nature in an incredible cycle known as the water cycle.

Comprehension-Based Questions

1. What three processes are mentioned in the passage as part of the water cycle?
2. Where was the raindrop before it evaporated?
3. How do clouds form according to the passage?
4. Why did the raindrop seep underground after falling onto the field?

5. What role does the oak tree play in the water cycle?
 6. Describe how the raindrop feels throughout its journey.
 7. What happens after the raindrop becomes part of the tree's leaves?
 8. Find a sentence from the passage that shows excitement.
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Vocabulary-Based Questions

1. Find a synonym for "**tiny**" from the passage.
 2. What is the meaning of "**vast**" in the passage?
 - a) Small
 - b) Large
 - c) Slow
 - d) Round
 3. Identify the **two words** in the passage that describe how the cloud looked.
 4. Use the word "**soared**" in a sentence of your own.
 5. What is the opposite of "**rise**" as used in the passage?
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Grammar-Based Questions

1. Identify **one proper noun** from the passage.
 2. Find and write a **past tense verb** from the passage.
 3. Change this sentence into the present continuous tense:
 - o "The cloud grew heavier and could no longer hold us."
 4. Identify the **adjective** in this sentence:
 - o "I tumbled through the sky, swaying with the wind."
 5. Rewrite the sentence in passive voice:
 - o "The sun shone brightly and turned me into vapor again."
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Answer Key

Comprehension-Based Answers

1. Evaporation, Condensation, and Precipitation.
2. It was part of a vast ocean.
3. Clouds form when water vapor cools and clings to dust particles, turning into tiny water droplets.
4. The soil absorbed the raindrop, leading it underground to become part of groundwater.
5. The oak tree absorbs water and releases it back into the atmosphere through transpiration.
6. The raindrop feels excited, curious, and amazed throughout its journey.
7. It turns into vapor again and rises back into the sky.
8. "Drip. Drip. Drop. I feel myself falling from a heavy cloud, along with my fellow raindrops. My journey has begun!"

Vocabulary-Based Answers

1. Tiny = "small"
2. b) Large
3. "Fluffy" and "white"
4. (Example answer) The eagle soared high above the mountains.
5. The opposite of "rise" is "fall."

Grammar-Based Answers

1. **Proper noun:** "Oak Tree"
2. **Past tense verb:** "Tumbled"
3. **Present continuous tense:** "The cloud is growing heavier and can no longer hold us."
4. **Adjective:** "Heavy"
5. **Passive voice:** "I was turned into vapor again by the bright sun."