



The Water Cycle

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 1

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- D) The wind is stronger in winter

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- A) In swimming pools
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- C) In the oceans
- D) Underground only

3. What is runoff?

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- D) Water that freezes on the ground

4. Which of these is NOT a type of precipitation?

- A) Sleet
- B) Hail
- C) Evaporation
- D) Rain

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word on the line.

1. Small balls of ice that fall from clouds during storms are called _____.
2. A mix of rain and snow that falls in cold weather is called _____.
3. Some rainwater soaks into the ground and is stored in _____ water.
4. Rivers carry water downhill and empty into the _____.
5. The water on Earth today is the _____ water that has been cycling for millions of years.

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