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Water Cycle Reading Comprehension

Passage - Read carefully

1. The sun heats water in oceans, lakes, and rivers. The water turns into water vapor and rises into the air.
2. High in the sky the air is cold. The water vapor cools down and turns back into tiny droplets. The droplets form clouds.
3. When the droplets become heavy enough, they fall back to Earth as rain, snow, sleet, or hail. This is called precipitation.
4. Some of the water soaks into the ground. The rest flows into rivers and lakes, and finally back to the oceans.

Section A - Answer in a word or phrase

1. What powers the water cycle? _____
2. What is the process called when water turns into vapor? _____
3. What forms when water vapor cools high in the sky? _____
4. Name two forms of precipitation: _____ and _____
5. What is it called when water gathers in rivers and lakes? _____

Section B - True or False

1. Evaporation happens when water freezes. _____
2. Clouds are made of tiny water droplets. _____
3. Precipitation only means rain. _____
4. The sun provides the energy for the water cycle. _____
5. Water that soaks into the ground is gone forever. _____

Answer Key

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| 1. The sun | 6. False |
| 2. evaporation | 7. True |
| 3. clouds | 8. False |
| 4. rain and snow (any two) | 9. True |
| 5. collection | 10. False |