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Reading: How Snowflakes Form

Grade 4 Nonfiction. Read the text. Then answer the questions.

How Snowflakes Form

A snowflake begins high in a cold cloud. Tiny drops of water freeze onto a speck of dust and make a small ice crystal. As the crystal falls, more water vapor freezes onto it, and it grows arms. Every snowflake has six sides or arms because of the way water freezes. The shapes can be very different, and almost no two snowflakes look exactly alike.

Circle the best answer for questions 1 to 3.

1. What is the main idea of this text?

A. Snow is cold.
B. Snowflakes form from ice crystals that grow in the clouds.
C. Dust is dirty.

2. How many sides or arms does a snowflake have?

A. four
B. six
C. eight

3. In this text, the word crystal means...

A. a tiny piece of ice with a shape
B. a type of cloud
C. a warm wind

4. What does a snow crystal start to form on?

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