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Reading: The Water Cycle

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

The Water Cycle

Water on Earth is always moving in a cycle. First, the sun heats water in oceans and lakes. The water turns into a gas called water vapor and rises into the air. This is called evaporation. High in the sky the vapor cools and turns back into tiny drops that form clouds. This is called condensation. When the drops grow heavy, they fall as rain or snow. This is called precipitation. The water then flows into rivers and oceans, and the cycle starts again.

Circle the best answer for questions 1 to 3.

1. What causes evaporation?

A. the heat of the sun
B. cold wind
C. falling rain

2. What happens right after water vapor rises and cools?

A. It turns into drops and forms clouds.
B. It flows into a river.
C. It freezes the ocean.

3. Which word means water that falls from clouds?

A. evaporation
B. condensation
C. precipitation

4. Why is it called a cycle?

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