Name: _____ Date: _____

Snow Is Frozen Water

Circle group

Snow starts high in the clouds. Clouds are made of tiny drops of water. When the air is very cold, the drops freeze. They turn into bits of ice.

The bits of ice stick together. They make snowflakes. A snowflake has six sides.

Snowflakes get heavy. They fall down. Snow can cover grass, roofs, and roads.

The sun comes out. The snow gets warm. It melts. It turns back into water.

Questions

1. Where does snow start?

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2. What are clouds made of?

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3. What happens to the drops when the air is very cold?

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4. How many sides does a snowflake have?

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5. What happens to snow when it gets warm?

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6. Why does snow not fall in summer?

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Words to know

freeze: to turn into ice because it is very cold
snowflake: one small piece of snow
melt: to change from ice or snow into water
cloud: a white or gray shape in the sky made of tiny water drops

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Snow Is Frozen Water

Triangle group

Snow starts high up in the clouds. Clouds are made of tiny drops of water. When the air is very cold, the drops freeze. They turn into tiny bits of ice.

The bits of ice stick together. They make snowflakes. Each snowflake has six sides.

When the snowflakes get heavy, they fall to the ground. Snow can cover grass, roofs, and roads.

When the sun comes out, the snow gets warm. It melts and turns back into water.

Questions

1. Where does snow start?

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2. What are clouds made of?

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3. What happens to the drops when the air is very cold?

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4. How many sides does a snowflake have?

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5. What happens to snow when the sun makes it warm?

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6. Why do you think snow does not fall in the summer?

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Words to know

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Snow Is Frozen Water

Square group

Snow begins high up in the clouds, and clouds are made of tiny drops of water. When the air becomes very cold, the drops freeze and turn into tiny bits of ice.

The bits of ice stick together and form snowflakes. Every snowflake has six sides.

When the snowflakes grow heavy, they drift down to the ground. Snow can blanket the grass, the roofs, and the roads.

When the sun comes out, the snow becomes warm. It melts and turns back into water.

Questions

1. Where does snow begin?

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2. What are clouds made of?

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3. What happens to the drops when the air becomes very cold?

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4. How many sides does every snowflake have?

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5. What happens to the snow when the sun makes it warm?

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6. Why do you think it does not snow in the summer?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Snow Is Frozen Water

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Snow Is Frozen Water

Easier · 71 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. High in the clouds.
2. Tiny drops of water.
3. They freeze into bits of ice.
4. Six.
5. It melts into water.
6. The air is not cold enough.

Triangle: Snow Is Frozen Water

This passage · 78 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. High up in the clouds.
2. Tiny drops of water.
3. They freeze into tiny bits of ice.
4. Six.
5. It melts and turns back into water.
6. The air is not cold enough to freeze the drops.

Square: Snow Is Frozen Water

Harder · 83 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. High up in the clouds.
2. Tiny drops of water.
3. They freeze and turn into tiny bits of ice.
4. Six.
5. It melts and turns back into water.
6. The air is not cold enough to freeze the drops.