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Where Did the Puddle Go?

Circle group

After rain, a puddle sits on the ground. It is wet. You can splash in it.

Later, the puddle is small. Then it is gone. Where did the water go?

The sun makes the water warm. The water turns into a gas. You cannot see the gas. It goes up into the air. This is evaporation.

A puddle dries fast on a sunny day. It dries slow on a cloudy day. The water did not vanish. It went up into the air.

Questions

1. What sits on the ground after rain?

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2. What does the sun do to the water?

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3. What is it called when water goes up into the air?

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4. Does a puddle dry fast on a sunny day or a cloudy day?

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5. Why does the puddle get small?

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Words to know

puddle: a small pool of water on the ground
evaporation: when water turns into a gas and goes into the air
gas: something like air that you cannot see

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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Where Did the Puddle Go?

Triangle group

After the rain, a puddle sits on the ground. It is big and wet. You can splash in it.

Later, the puddle looks smaller. Then it is gone. Where did the water go?

The sun warms the water. The water turns into a gas that we cannot see. The gas goes up into the air. This is called evaporation.

A puddle dries up faster on a sunny day. It dries up slower on a cloudy day. The water did not just disappear. It went up into the air.

Questions

1. What sits on the ground after the rain?

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2. What does the sun do to the water?

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3. What is it called when water goes up into the air?

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4. Does a puddle dry up faster on a sunny day or a cloudy day?

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5. Why does a puddle get smaller as the day goes on?

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Words to know

puddle: a small pool of water on the ground
evaporation: when water turns into a gas and goes into the air
gas: something like air that you cannot see
disappear: to go away so you cannot see it

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Where Did the Puddle Go?

Square group

After a heavy rain, a large puddle often sits on the ground. It is wide and wet, and you can splash around in it.

Later in the day, the puddle looks smaller. Soon it is gone completely. Where did all of the water go?

The sun warms the water in the puddle. The warm water slowly turns into a gas that we cannot see, and the gas rises into the air. Scientists call this evaporation.

A puddle dries up much faster on a bright, sunny day than on a gray, cloudy day. The water did not simply disappear. It moved up into the air above us.

Questions

1. What often sits on the ground after a heavy rain?

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2. What does the sun do to the water in the puddle?

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3. What do scientists call it when water turns into a gas and rises into the air?

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4. Does a puddle dry up faster on a sunny day or on a cloudy day?

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5. Why does a puddle look smaller later in the day?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Where Did the Puddle Go?

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

Circle: Where Did the Puddle Go?

Easier · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. A puddle sits there.
2. The sun makes the water warm.
3. It is called evaporation.
4. It dries fast on a sunny day.
5. The sun warms the water, and it goes up into the air.

Triangle: Where Did the Puddle Go?

This passage · 88 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.9

1. A puddle sits on the ground.
2. The sun warms the water.
3. It is called evaporation.
4. It dries up faster on a sunny day.
5. The sun warms the water, and the water goes up into the air.

Square: Where Did the Puddle Go?

Harder · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. A large puddle sits on the ground.
2. The sun warms the water.
3. They call it evaporation.
4. It dries up faster on a bright, sunny day.
5. The sun warms the water, and the water rises into the air as a gas.