Name _____

Weather
Water cycle

A Chance of Rain

Read.

The earth's water is always on the move. Water evaporates when the sun heats it. Then it is called water vapor. Water vapor rises. It cools high above the earth. Then it touches dust in the air and condenses into water droplets. The water droplets form clouds. When the clouds get heavy, the moisture falls back to Earth. The falling moisture is called precipitation. Precipitation might be rain, snow, or hail. On Earth, the water is absorbed into the ground or runs off into rivers, lakes, or oceans. The water heats up, and the water cycle begins again.

Write.

1. What causes water to evaporate? _____
2. What is water vapor? _____
3. How do clouds form? _____
4. What is precipitation? _____
5. Write a title for the passage. _____

Bonus: Imagine you are teaching a younger child about the water cycle. What will you say? Draw a picture to help the child understand what you're saying.