

**READ THE PASSAGE** Remember the main ideas and the order in which they happen.

### Around and Around

When it rains, water falls from clouds to the ground. How does the water get into the sky? It is something called the water cycle.

There is always water in the air, but you can't always see it. It's called water vapor. The sun heats up water in rivers, lakes, and oceans. The water turns into water vapor. It goes into the air.

High in the sky, it is cold. When water vapor gets cold, it becomes water again. You can see this happen when you have a cold drink on a warm day. Water is on the outside of the glass. Did the glass leak? No, water vapor in the air turned to water when it touched the cold glass.

Millions of water drops come together in the sky. They make clouds. Pretty soon there is more water than the clouds can hold. Then the water falls to Earth.

Rain falls back into the oceans, lakes, and rivers. The sun turns it into water vapor. The water cycle starts all over again.

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. What is the passage mostly about?
  - Ⓐ oceans, lakes, and rivers
  - Ⓑ how clouds are made
  - Ⓒ how water keeps going in a cycle
  - Ⓓ how the sun makes water vapor
2. What happens when clouds cannot hold any more water?
  - Ⓐ The sun dries them.
  - Ⓑ Water falls to Earth.
  - Ⓒ Water vapor goes into the air.
  - Ⓓ Water drops come together.
3. What happens just before clouds are formed?
  - Ⓐ The sun shines on the ocean.
  - Ⓑ Water vapor rises into the air.
  - Ⓒ Water falls back to Earth.
  - Ⓓ Water drops start to come together.
4. What do you think a "cycle" is?
  - Ⓐ something that keeps going around
  - Ⓑ something that has water in it
  - Ⓒ something that never happens
  - Ⓓ something that is always new

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** In your own words, tell a partner how water from the air falls to Earth.