

Main Idea

Complete the supporting details using the sentences from the box.

Main Idea: The water cycle is the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth.

1) **Evaporation is the first step in the water cycle.**

A)

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2) C

C) The process of condensation is what makes the clouds look fluffy and white.

3) **Precipitation is when water falls back to the Earth.**

A)

B)

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C) Precipitation is essential for plants and animals to survive.

4) **Collection is the final step in the water cycle.**

A) Water collects in oceans, lakes, and rivers after it falls to the ground.

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When water droplets get too heavy to stay suspended in the cloud, they fall to Earth.

Plants also release water vapor through a process called transpiration.

These droplets gather to form clouds in the sky.