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# Rain's Long Trip

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This drop of water has a secret. Here is its trip, from the sea.

The sun shines down on the ocean. The warm drop turns into vapor. Vapor is water you cannot see.

The air around you has some right now. Our drop floats up into the sky.

Up high, the vapor turns back into tiny drops. So many tiny drops make a cloud. Our drop is in the cloud now.

The cloud drifts over a little hill. Then the drops fall, plip, plop, as rain.

Our drop lands on a hill and runs down. It joins a little stream.

The stream runs into a river. The river runs to the sea. That is where our drop began.

Did you know? The ocean holds almost all the water on Earth. That is 96 cups out of every 100.

The sun shines down again. The warm drop rises. The long trip starts over.

The water on Earth goes round and round. It has done that for a very long time. Almost all of it is old.

So the water in your glass has been rain before. It may even have been a dinosaur's drink.

## Questions

**1. What turns the water into vapor?**

A. The moon
B. The sun's heat
C. The wind

**2. What is a cloud made of?**

A. Smoke
B. Cotton
C. Tiny drops

**3. Where does the stream's water go in the end?**

A. Under the hill for good
B. Back to the sea
C. Into the sky for good

**4. What does vapor mean in this book?**

A. Water you cannot see
B. A loud noise
C. A cold rock

**5. Why could your water have been a dinosaur's drink?**

A. Dinosaurs lived in cups
B. The rain is very new
C. The same water keeps going round

## Words to know

vapor: hidden water
cloud: tiny drops
stream: small river
rain: falling water

# Answer key: Rain's Long Trip

1. B. The sun's heat
2. C. Tiny drops
3. B. Back to the sea
4. A. Water you cannot see
5. C. The same water keeps going round