

Read the passage “Water, Water Everywhere” and then answer Numbers 6 through 10.

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- 1 Have you ever seen a picture of Earth taken from space? From there, it is easy to see how much of our planet is covered by water. Earth looks mostly blue from all that water!
- 2 The amount of water on Earth is constant, never changing. Water on Earth cannot disappear. However, it can move around.



The shaded area shows Earth’s oceans.

Where can you find water on Earth?

- 3 Oceans hold almost all the water on Earth. They are the reason our world looks blue from space. The water in oceans is very salty. It can be warm or cold. It is always moving, making currents of water that are fast and strong. Some of these currents become waves that splash on the shore.

- 4 Water is also in many other places on Earth. It is in rivers and streams. It is in ponds and lakes. Water in these places is not salty. It is called fresh water. This water also moves from place to place. Water in small streams joins bigger rivers. Most of the big rivers join oceans. There, the fresh water turns into salt water.
- 5 In cold places, water freezes into big blocks of ice or snow. The ice floats in oceans. The snow covers the tops of mountains.
- 6 You can also find water underground. This water flows in tiny spaces between rocks and dirt. Earth even has underground rivers.

Where do rain and snow come from?

- 7 The water underground and on land comes from rain and snow. Water from rain and melting snow soaks into the ground or forms streams, rivers, ponds, or lakes. But how does water get into the sky to make rain and snow?
- 8 The sun warms Earth and its waters. If water is heated enough, some goes up into the air and stays there. Water in the air is invisible most of the time, so you do not know it is there. This is because the water is in very tiny drops.
- 9 When many tiny drops of water move together, they make clouds you can see. The clouds are very light and float on air. When the weather is stormy, the drops grow bigger. They become too heavy to stay up in the

air. Then they fall to Earth as rain, or they freeze and fall as snow.

- 10 When water from the oceans goes up into the air and makes clouds, the salt does not go with it. The salt stays in the oceans. This is why rain and snow are fresh water, not salt water.
- 11 Water is always on the move. It goes up, down, and all around!