

The Amazing Adventure of Droplet Dhandapani!

Name: _____ Class: _____

Learning goal: Reading to explore deeper meaning

Read and comprehend the given passage to answer the following questions

Meet Droplet Dhandapani, a tiny drop of water with a really big adventure! Dhandapani loved his quiet life in the cool, blue ocean, gently rocking with the waves. But one sunny morning, a brand-new feeling bubbled up! The giant, golden Sun peeked over the horizon and beamed down, making Dhandapani feel warmer, like he was in a warm bath! He started feeling lighter, too, almost floaty. Then – whoosh! – he lifted right up out of the ocean, turning into a wispy, invisible puff, soaring higher and higher into the big blue sky! He was evaporating, leaving the ocean behind!

Dhandapani floated up above the ground, until the air grew surprisingly cold. "Brrr!" thought Dhandapani, as his invisible puff began to shrink and get closer to other tiny water puffs. They snuggled together, bumping and joining until, poof! – Dhandapani wasn't an invisible puff anymore! He was part of a fluffy, white cloud, a real cloud, floating high above the world! This cool huddling and

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changing into a cloud was called condensation.

The cloud carried Dhandapani and his new cloud-friends on a long, windy journey. They sailed past tall mountains and tiny towns, growing bigger and bigger, heavier and heavier. Dhandapani felt the cloud groan beneath him. "Too heavy!" he heard the cloud whisper. And then, plink! Dhandapani fell out, tumbling down, down, down! He was a cool, refreshing raindrop again, racing to the Earth! This exciting trip back to the ground, whether as rain, snow, or even hail, was precipitation.

Splash! Dhandapani landed right back into a sparkling river, giggling as he joined millions of other happy droplets flowing along. What an amazing trip! He knew the Sun would soon call him for another grand adventure, as the water cycle never truly stops.



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Questions

1. Find a word from the story that is similar in meaning:

Huge - _____

Soaring - _____

2. Find a word from the story that is opposite in meaning:

Heavy x _____

Dry x _____

3. True or False

1. Droplet Dhandapani felt cold when the Sun first shone on him. _____

2. When Dhandapani turned into a wispy, invisible puff, he was evaporating. _____

3. Clouds form when water puffs get warm and spread out. _____

4. Precipitation is when water falls back to Earth.

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4. Write brief answers for the given questions:

1. Where did Droplet Dhandapani start his adventure?

2. What happened to the air as Droplet Dhandapani floated higher?

3. What makes the cloud heavy enough for Droplet Dhandapani to fall out?

5. Draw Droplet Dhandapani!

Choose your favorite part of Droplet Dhandapani's adventure and draw a picture of him there!

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Answer Key

Exercise 1 (Synonyms)

Huge (synonym): giant

Soaring (synonym): floating (or lifting)

Exercise 2 (Antonyms)

Heavy (antonym): lighter (or wispy)

Dry (antonym): refreshing (or cool)

Exercise 3 (True or False)

False (He felt warmer and warmer.)

True

False (Clouds form when water puffs get cold and snuggle together.)

True

Exercise 4 (Short Answers)

1. Droplet Dhandapani started his adventure in the ocean.

2. The air grew surprisingly cold as Droplet Dhandapani floated higher.

3. The cloud becomes heavy enough when many tiny water puffs huddle and join together.