

Reading nonfiction

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Read the nonfiction paragraph.



Hail is a type of frozen rain that falls from the sky during a storm. These small balls of ice are called hailstones. They form when rain droplets get caught in strong winds inside a storm cloud. They get pushed up into very cold parts of the cloud where they freeze. The hailstones get bigger as more water droplets freeze onto them. When they become too heavy, they fall to the ground. Hailstorms can happen quickly and can sometimes cause damage to plants, cars and buildings. Hailstones can be as small as peas or as big as baseballs!

Answer the questions.

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 - b. A type of frozen rain
 - c. A type of wind

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 - b. Rain droplets
 - c. Clouds

3. Where do hailstones form and freeze?
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