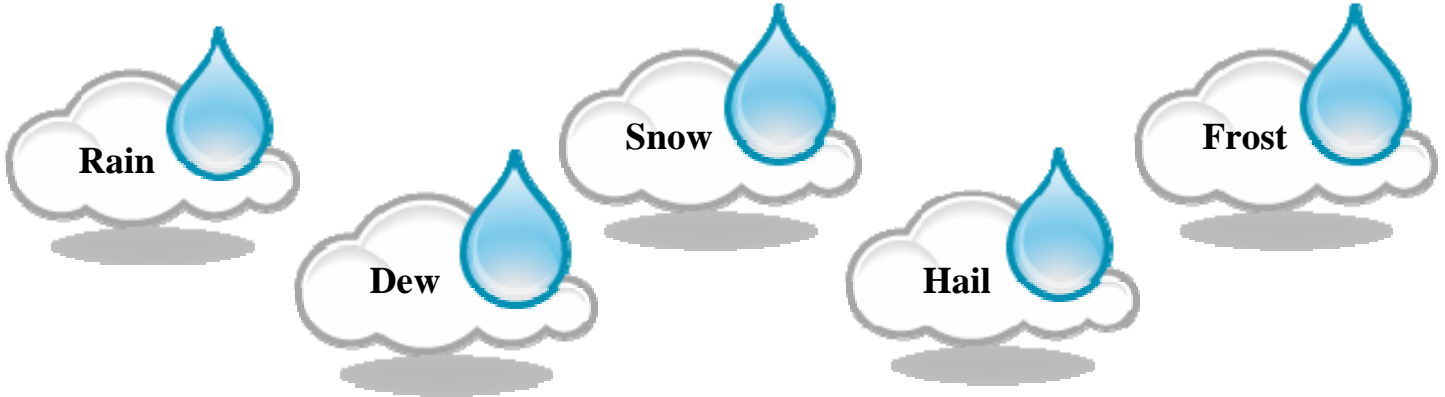


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Name _____

Water that falls to the ground is precipitation. It can take many forms. Below, see if you can match the type of precipitation with the description.



I am usually six-sided and develop in the upper level of cumulus clouds. Water vapor freezes on me and if it is cold enough, I drop to the ground. What am I?

I am formed in thunderstorms and most common during warmer weather. I am coated with layers of ice. What am I? _____

Some believe I begin as a snow crystal, but as I warm up on the way down, I melt a bit. I am formed from cloud droplets that get large and heavy. What am I?

I am formed when moisture condenses at a temperature below freezing. Sometimes you'll see me on a window! But I won't stay for long once the sun comes out. What am I? _____

I am actually not considered precipitation, but I am formed when water vapor in the air condenses on cool surfaces. You might find me on your plants in the morning. What am I? _____