



Read the passage comparing two kinds of weather. Then answer the questions about what is the same and what is different.

Look for words like "both," "but," "however," and "unlike" that point to similarities and differences.

## Rain vs Snow: Water's Many Forms!



Rain and snow are both ways water falls from the sky, but they look and feel very different. Rain is liquid water, while snow is frozen water.

When it rains, the air is usually above freezing, so the water stays as drops. Rain helps plants grow big and green. It can make puddles for jumping! **However**, snow falls when the air is very cold, below freezing. Snow covers the ground in a soft, white blanket. It's perfect for building snowmen!

**Both** rain and snow come from clouds high in the sky. Rain often makes a gentle pitter-patter sound, and a fun fact is that raindrops are not always tear-shaped, but often more like hamburger buns! **Unlike** rain, snow is made of tiny ice crystals that stick together to form snowflakes, and a fun fact is that no two snowflakes are exactly alike. **But** both forms of precipitation are important for our planet.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which type of weather helps plants grow big and green?

- (A) Rain    (B) Snow    (C) Both    (D) Neither

(2) Which type of weather covers the ground in a soft, white blanket?

- (A) Rain    (B) Snow    (C) Both    (D) Neither



(3) "Rain is liquid water, but snow is frozen water." Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

- A Similarity    B Difference

(4) "Both rain and snow come from clouds high in the sky." Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

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(5) Tell **ONE** way rain and snow are alike. Use words from the passage.

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