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Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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Snowflakes begin high up in a cold cloud. The cloud is full of tiny drops of water. Each drop is too small to see.

When the air is very cold, a drop freezes onto a speck of dust. It becomes a tiny piece of ice called an ice crystal. More water from the air sticks to the crystal and freezes too.

As the crystal grows, it forms six arms. That is why most snowflakes have six sides or six points. Each flake takes its own path through the cloud, so each one grows a little differently.

At last, the snowflake gets too heavy to float. It falls toward the ground. If the air near the ground is cold, it lands as snow. If the air is warm, it melts into rain.

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   four six eight

2. Why does each snowflake grow a little differently?

   each one takes its own path through the cloud

   each one falls at a different time of day

   each one is made of a different kind of water

3. When does a snowflake fall toward the ground?

   when it gets too heavy to float

   when the cloud gets warm and wet

   when the wind stops blowing hard

4. What happens if the air near the ground is warm?

   the snowflake lands as snow again

   the snowflake melts into rain

   the snowflake floats back up high

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