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Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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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.

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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.

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

   the snowflake melts into rain

   the snowflake floats back up high

   the snowflake lands as snow again

2. Which sentence from the text shows that a snowflake starts out very small?

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   If the air near the ground is cold, it lands as snow.

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3. The text says a drop freezes onto a speck of dust. What is a speck?

   a large pile a very tiny bit a long string of ice

4. Where do snowflakes begin?

   on top of a frozen lake down on the cold ground high up in a cold cloud

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