How a Text Is Organized

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the heading that fits each paragraph.

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Why the Monsoon Brings Rain

Every summer, much of India waits for the monsoon. A monsoon is a seasonal wind that changes direction. In India, the summer monsoon brings heavy rain that can last for months. This rain has a chain of causes, and it leads to many effects.

The chain begins with the sun. In spring, the sun shines strongly on the land of South Asia. Land heats up faster than water does. As a result, the land becomes much warmer than the Indian Ocean to the south.

Warm air over the land rises. As it rises, it leaves behind an area of lower air pressure. Cooler, wetter air from the ocean rushes in to take its place. This moving air is the monsoon wind.

The ocean air carries a great deal of water vapor. When the wind reaches the land, the air is pushed upward, especially near hills and mountains. Higher up, the air cools. Because cool air cannot hold as much water vapor, the vapor turns into clouds and rain.

The rain has big effects on people's lives. Farmers depend on it to grow rice, cotton and other crops. Wells, lakes and rivers fill up again after the dry, hot months. The cooler weather is also a relief after the hottest part of the year.

However, the monsoon can cause trouble, too. If too much rain falls at once, rivers may overflow and flood roads and fields. If the rain arrives late or is weak, crops may dry out. For this reason, weather scientists watch the ocean and the winds closely. They try to predict when the rain will arrive so farmers can plan.

By autumn, the land cools down. The winds switch direction and blow from the land toward the sea. The rainy season ends, and the cycle waits for next summer.

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   The End of the Season Effects of the Rain Why Land Heats Faster

   How the Wind Begins

2. Which heading best fits the second paragraph?

Scientists Predict the Rain

The Sun Heats the Land

Farmers Wait for Water

The Winds Switch Direction

3. Which heading best fits the third paragraph?

The Season Comes to an End Rivers Fill Up Again Cool Air Rushes In

Trouble From Floods

4. Which heading best fits the fourth paragraph?

Scientists Watch the Winds Wells Fill Up Again Warm Air Rises Higher

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