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Fill in the blanks with the correct word or phrase from the word bank below.
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atmosphere	evaporation	rainfall

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1. Precipitation is any form of _____ that falls from the clouds and reaches the ground.
2. There are four main types of precipitation: rain, snow, sleet, and _____.
3. Clouds form from large numbers of these droplets. In a cloud, droplets come together with other droplets to form larger drops of water. Eventually, the drops become too _____ to stay in the cloud.
4. Snow forms when water vapor in the clouds _____ directly into ice crystals.
5. Sleet forms when raindrops _____ as they fall through a layer of freezing air near the ground.



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7. The process by which water changes from a liquid to a gas is called _____.

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9. The water cycle is the continuous movement of water from the _____ to the Earth's surface and back again.

10. _____ is the measurement of the amount of precipitation that falls in a particular area over a specific period of time.



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Answer Key:

1. water
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4. freezes
5. freeze
6. evaporation
7. condensation
8. atmosphere
9. Rainfall