

Water's Many Homes

Read how water is stored in reservoirs across Earth.

3.7.a "there are many reservoirs of water on Earth;"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word or phrase that names a water reservoir. Number the reservoirs in the order you find them to show that water has many storage places.

Where Water Waits

- ① Earth holds water in many places called reservoirs. The largest reservoir is the ocean. Ocean water is salty and covers much of Earth's surface. Water can stay in the ocean for a long time. Even though the ocean is one connected body of water, it is a reservoir where most of Earth's water is found.
- ② Some freshwater is frozen in glaciers and ice caps. These icy reservoirs hold large amounts of Earth's freshwater. Another freshwater reservoir is groundwater, water stored in tiny spaces in soil and rock underground. People may pump groundwater from wells. Lakes, ponds, and rivers also store freshwater, but they hold far less water than glaciers, ice caps, or groundwater.
- ③ Water moves from one reservoir to another during the water cycle. Sunlight can cause ocean or lake water to evaporate into water vapor in the air. The vapor can form clouds, another place water is stored. Rain or snow may return water to land, lakes, rivers, or the ocean. Water can also soak into the ground and become groundwater.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is Earth's largest water reservoir?

2 Name the two icy reservoirs that hold large amounts of freshwater.

3 Where is groundwater stored?

4 Describe one way water moves from one reservoir to another in the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use the three panels to show one drop of water moving through three different reservoirs. Label each reservoir, then write one sentence that tells how the drop moves.

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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each word or phrase that names a water reservoir. Number the reservoirs in the order you find them to show that water has many storage places. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Earth's largest water reservoir?	The ocean is Earth's largest water reservoir.
2	Name the two icy reservoirs that hold large amounts of freshwater.	Glaciers and ice caps.
3	Where is groundwater stored?	Groundwater is stored in tiny spaces in soil and rock underground.
4	Describe one way water moves from one reservoir to another in the passage.	Sunlight can cause water in the ocean or a lake to evaporate into water vapor in the air.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: Lake. Panel 2: Cloud. Panel 3: Groundwater. Water evaporates from the lake into a cloud, then falls as rain and soaks into the ground as groundwater.

Accept reservoir names and movement descriptions that match the passage. For Your Turn, accept any three accurately labeled reservoirs connected by a plausible water-cycle path and one sentence explaining the movement.