

## Precipitation

### Note-taking Guide - Answer Key

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*snow gauge, flood, rainy, precipitation, height, drought, sleet,  
shortage, rain gauge*

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Any form of water falling from the sky is called precipitation. When the temperature is below 0 °C the droplets come down as snow, sleet, or hail.

When it's above 0 °C we have a rainy day!

An excess of rain could cause a flood.

When there is too little rain, it can result in a serious shortage of water. This can cause a drought.

A rain gauge is a tube that collects rain and has a scale on the side. The height of the water in the tube is measured to figure out the amount of rain in an area.

A snow gauge or a ruler is used to measure the amount of snow that has fallen.