Section 4. What is the Cloud?

**Fill in the Blanks**

You may have heard people using terms like **the cloud**, **cloud computing**, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But what exactly is the cloud? Basically, the cloud is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—more specifically, it's all of the things you can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_over the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When something is **in the cloud**, it means it is stored on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on the Internet instead of on your\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It lets you access your **calendar**, **email**, **files**, and **more** from any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that has an Internet\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you've ever used web-based\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you've used the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All of the emails in your inbox are stored on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, there are many other services that use the cloud in different ways.

**Answer in complete sentences**

1. Write a brief description for the following web-based services that use the cloud.
   1. **Dropbox**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* 1. **Evernote**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* 1. **Mozy**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Explain why computer users should use **the cloud**?

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1. How is a **web app** different from a **desktop application**??

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1. Do you use any apps or websites now that you think are **cloud-based**? If so, what do you use?

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*If you've ever used web-based email, you've used the cloud. All of the emails in your inbox are stored on servers.*