

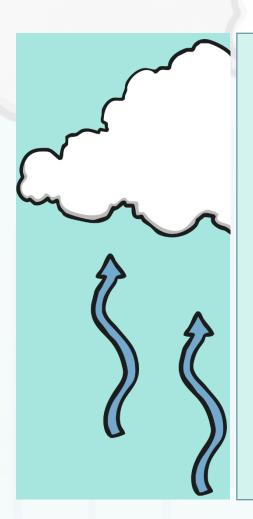
Aim

• I can identify and describe the different stages of the water cycle.

What you will need:

- A pencil and paper if you like to make notes or jot down your answers as you work through the power point.
- The Water Wheel activity sheet.
- Scissors and glue.
- A split pin (if you have one please don't worry if you don't).

What Is the Water Cycle?



More than three quarters of the Earth's surface is water.

Some of this water evaporates in the heat of the Sun.

When the water has evaporated, it is in the form of water vapour.

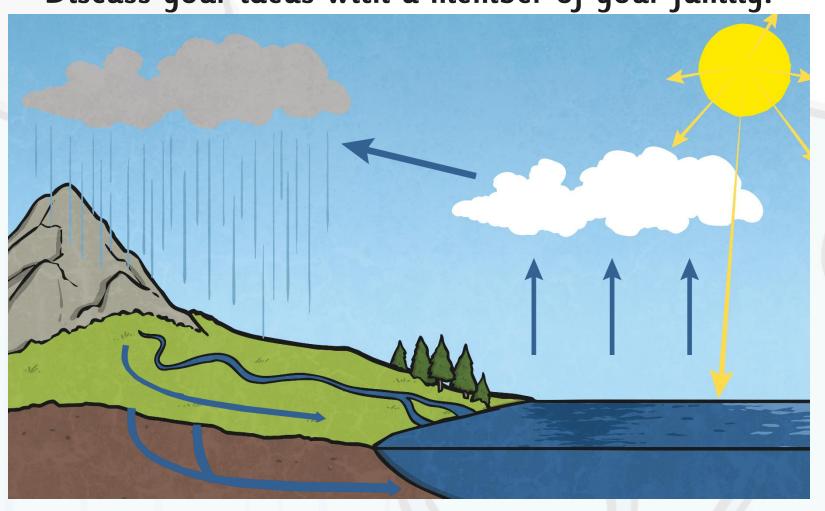
Clouds are made from water vapour that has condensed to form tiny water droplets.

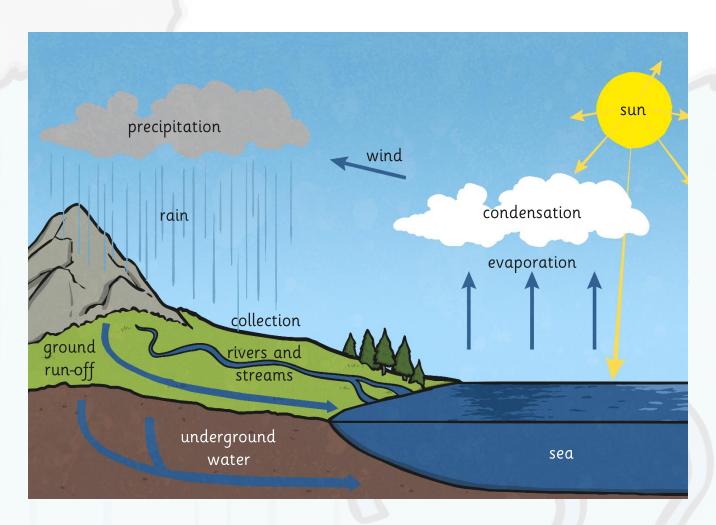
When the water droplets get too big, they fall from the clouds.

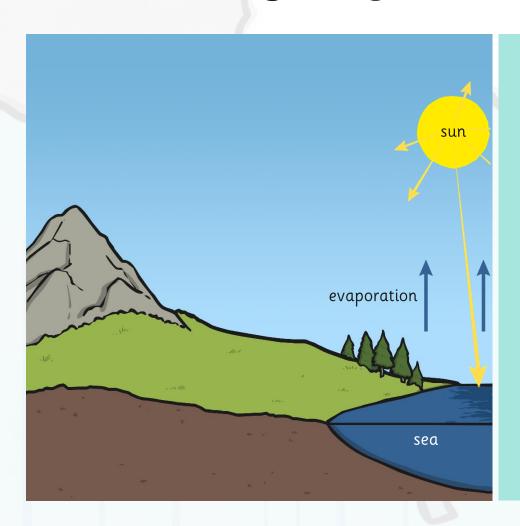
The water droplets can fall as rain, hail or snow.

Three hundred millions litres of water falls on dry land each day.

What Is the Water Cycle? Discuss your ideas with a member of your family.





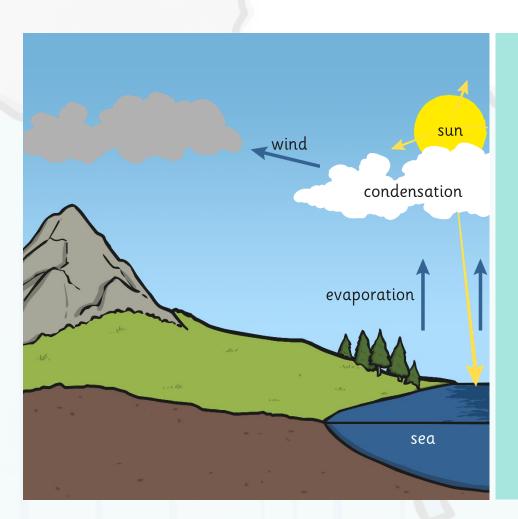


Evaporation

Heat from the Sun causes water to evaporate from seas, lakes, rivers and streams. Water also evaporates from puddles and ponds.

This evaporation happens even on cloudy or cold days.

The liquid water turns into water vapour when it has evaporated.

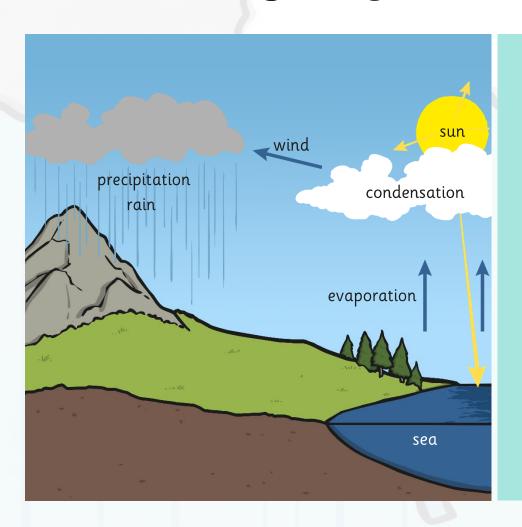


Condensation

The water vapour in the air rises, and as it does so, it cools down.

Eventually, it cools enough for the water vapour to condense and form small droplets of water.

The droplets of water clump together to form clouds.

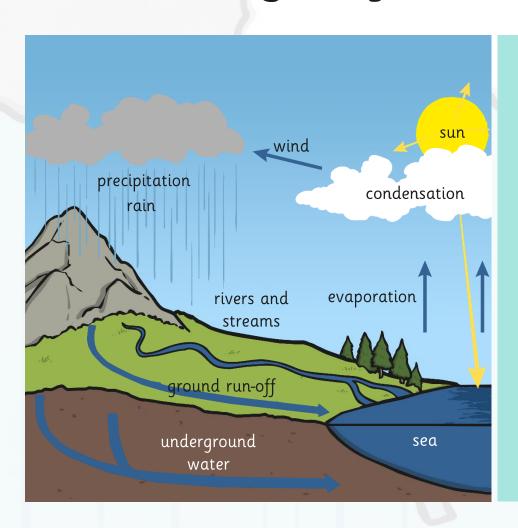


Precipitation

As more water vapour condenses, more water droplets are formed in the clouds.

Eventually, the water droplets are large enough and heavy enough to fall back to the surface of the Earth.

These droplets of water fall from the clouds in the form of rain, sleet, hail or snow.

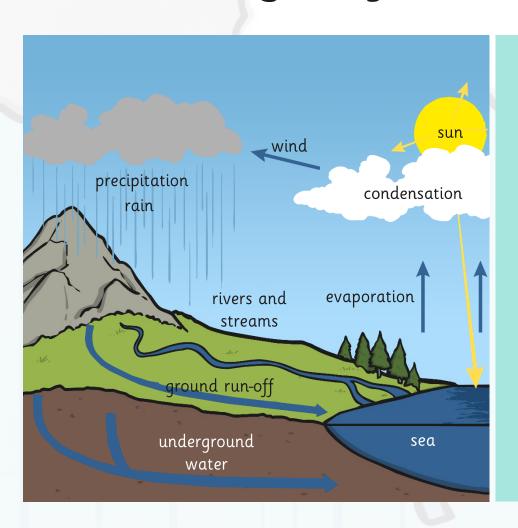


Collection

When water falls back to Earth as precipitation, the water may fall on oceans, lakes, rivers or on the ground.

Water that falls on the ground is either absorbed into the soil, and is used as drinking water for animals and plants, or it runs over the ground and collects in the oceans, lakes and rivers.

This water is then evaporated and the cycle starts all over again!



Watch the following video:

https://www.brainpop.com/science/earthsystem/watercycle/

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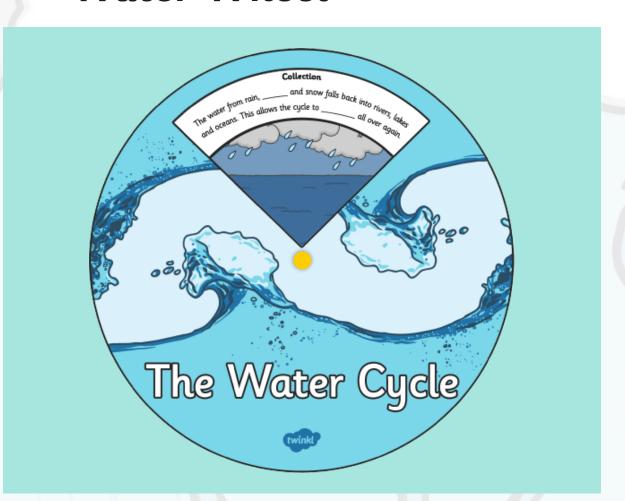
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Activity Time © Water Wheel

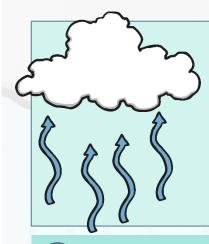
Can you remember the stages of the water cycle?

Use your knowledge to create this interactive Water Wheel.

(There is a one, two and three star option).



Challenge - Sort the Stages



Rearrange the letters of each word below to make the name of a stage of the water cycle.

Can you put the stages in order?

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lictencool

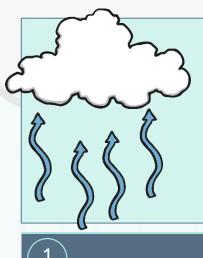
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cronitpitpeia

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vaintoreapo

Challenge - Answers



Rearrange the letters of each word below to make the name of a stage of the water cycle.

Can you put the stages in order?

condensation

collection

precipitation

evaporation

