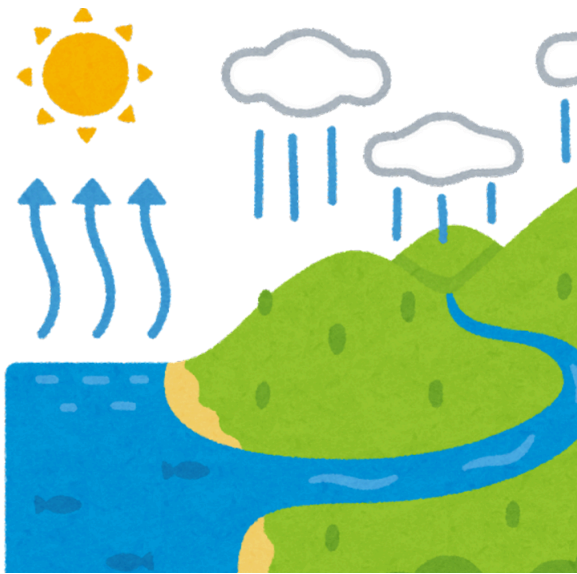


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The Water Cycle

The water cycle is how water moves through the Earth and sky. First, the sun heats up water, and it turns into vapor—this is called evaporation. The vapor rises, cools down, and forms clouds in a process called condensation. When the clouds get heavy, water falls back to the ground as precipitation, like rain or snow. Then the water gathers in lakes, rivers, and oceans, called collection, and the cycle starts all over again.



condensation

evaporation

precipitation