

The Water Cycle

The water cycle has five parts.

Evaporation—The sun warms water on Earth. The water changes to a gas and rises.

Transportation—Clouds are transported, or moved, by wind over land.

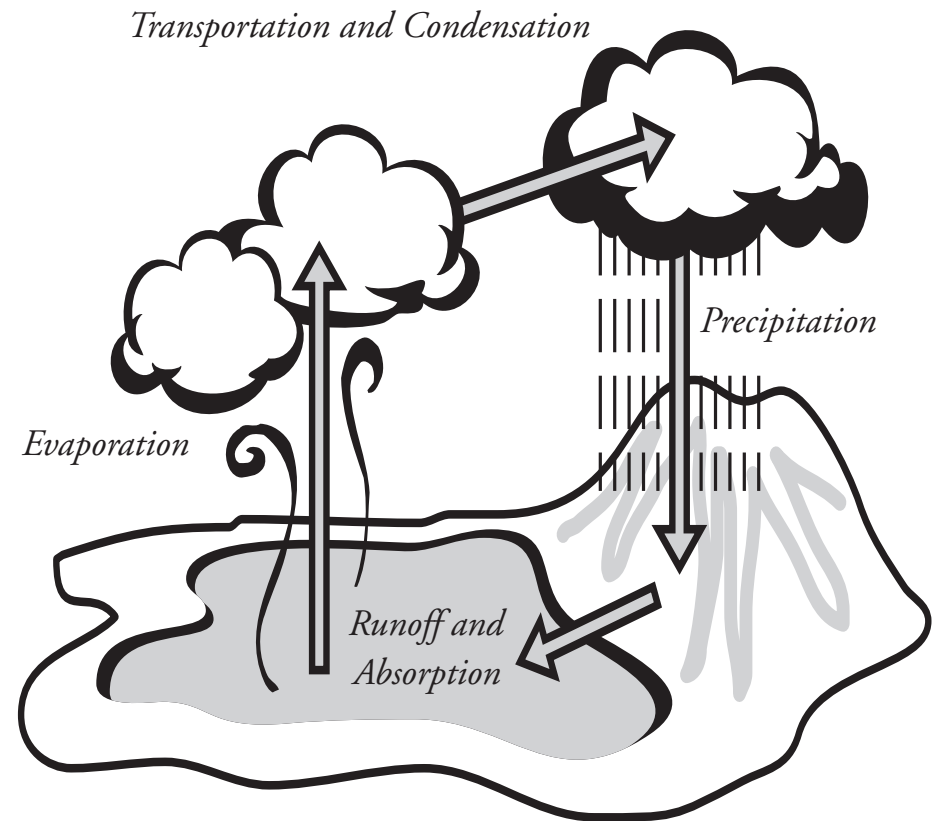
Condensation—The warm gas rises and moves over land. The air cools and the gas begins to change back to a **liquid**. Tiny water droplets form clouds.

Precipitation—More and more water collects in the cloud. When there is too much water, it falls back to Earth as rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

Runoff and Absorption—The water that falls collects on Earth. Some is absorbed into the ground.

liquid: a state in which matter flows freely when poured; liquids take the shape of whatever holds them

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—Recall—
Name the five parts of the water cycle.