THE WATER CYCLE

ECOSYSTEMS *What each part does*

The water cycle is the never-ending journey water takes between the oceans, the air and the land.

Water vapor cools and turns into tiny droplets that form clouds.

Condensation

Precipitation

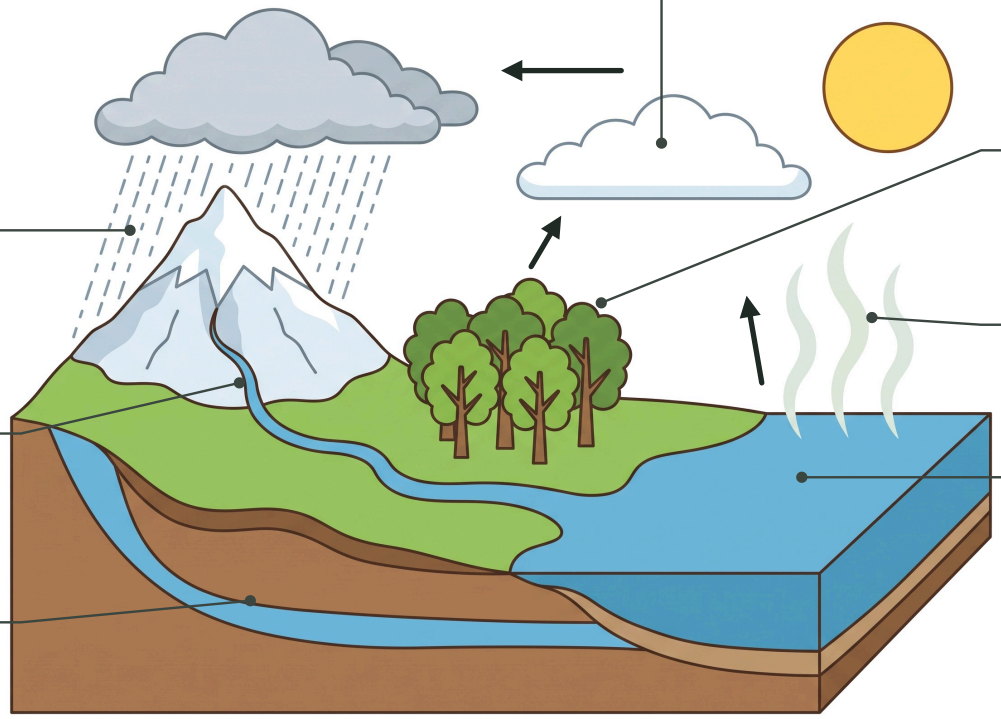
Water falls from clouds as rain, snow, sleet or hail.

Runoff

Water flows downhill across the land into rivers, lakes and the ocean.

Groundwater

Water that has soaked into the soil and is stored underground.



Transpiration

Plants release water vapor into the air through their leaves.

Evaporation

The sun's heat turns liquid water into water vapor.

Collection

Fallen water gathers in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams.