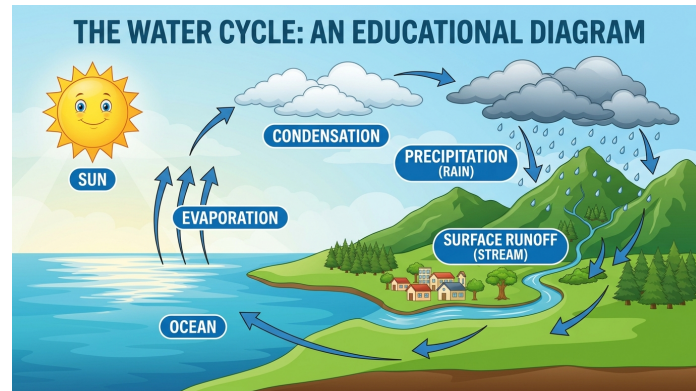


The Water Cycle: Evaporation, Condensation & Precipitation



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Study the water cycle diagram below. Then use the words in the word bank to complete each statement.



Word bank: Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Collection, Sun, Water Vapor

1. The primary energy source that powers the entire water cycle is the _____, which heats liquid water on Earth's surface.
2. During _____, liquid water from oceans and lakes changes into an invisible gas.
3. Invisible moisture in the atmosphere is called _____, which rises up into the cooler upper air.
4. When water vapor cools down and turns back into liquid droplets, it forms clouds in a process called _____.
5. When clouds become too heavy, moisture falls back to Earth as rain, snow, sleet, or hail, known as _____.
6. Water that flows back into oceans, rivers, and underground aquifers is referred to as _____.