

The **water cycle** is the amazing journey that water takes from the sky to the land and back again. It does this over and over again in a never ending cycle.

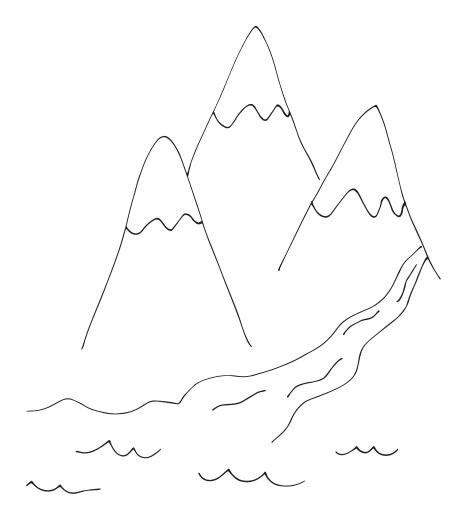
## Precipitation



**Precipitation** is when water falls from clouds. It can be in the form of rain, hail, sleet or snow.

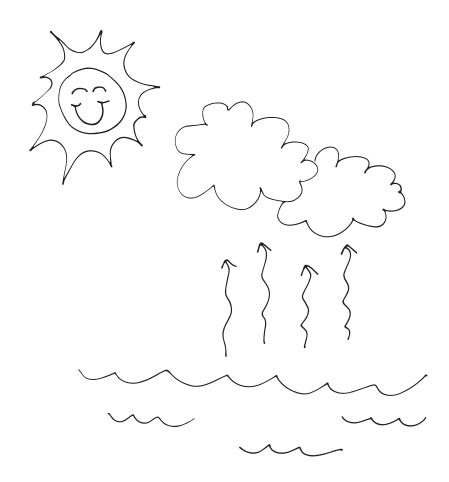
Precipitation occurs when the water drops in clouds get too heavy for the air to hold them.

### Collection



**Collection** is when water that has fallen from the sky collects in bodies of water like rivers, lakes and the ocean. Lots of this water also soaks into the ground and will collect underground as groundwater.

## Evaporation



**Evaporation** is when the sun heats up water and turns it from liquid to a vapour (gas). Water vapour is invisible and very light. It rises high up into the sky.

#### Condensation

# The Water Cycle

Fill in the blanks

**Condensation** is when water vapour rises up into the atmosphere. The vapour gets cold and turns into tiny liquid droplets that stick together to make clouds.

