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Water cycle puzzle – level 2

On page 2, there is an unlabelled diagram of the water cycle. Below there are explanations (not in any order) of the steps in the cycle. To complete the water cycle diagram, write the correct term in the spaces (on page 2) and add arrows to show the direction of the cycle.

Condensation

Once the vapour goes into the air, it gets cold and changes back into a liquid. This liquid joins together and forms clouds. This is called 'condensation'. It is like the drops that form on the mirror after you've had a hot shower. This is the warm vapour cooling down and changing back to a liquid.

Evaporation

Evaporation happens when the sun heats up the water in the oceans, rivers or lakes and it turns into vapour (like when you boil water and it turns to steam). The vapour rises and goes into the air.

Collection

When water falls back to earth (as rain, hail, sleet or snow) it soaks into the ground (ground water) or goes into the rivers, lakes or oceans. This is called 'collection'.

Precipitation

Precipitation happens when so much water has gathered (condensed) in the air that the clouds get heavy and the water falls back to earth. This could be as rain, hail, sleet or snow.

Transpiration

Transpiration is the process of plants losing water out of their leaves. This vapour rises into the air (just like evaporation).



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