

Y4 Information Text: Explanation

Example Text



How Does the Water Cycle Work?

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Evaporation

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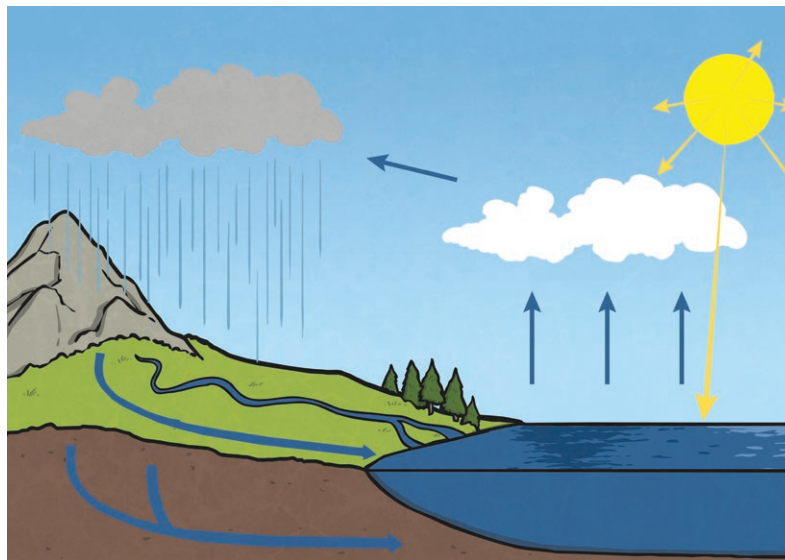
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As soon as the water droplets reach a certain size, their weight is too great to stay in the air and they fall towards the ground. This is called precipitation. If the air is very cold, the water falls as ice or sleet. Otherwise, it falls as rain.

Collection

Wherever the water lands, this is the 'collection' stage of the water cycle. Rain and snow may return to Earth in rivers or lakes, on the ground, or on houses and roads, where it soaks down towards the rivers. Eventually, most of this water flows into the sea. The water cycle can now start again, from any place where water has collected even from your soaking wet hair!



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Fun Facts

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Example Text Annotated Genre Features



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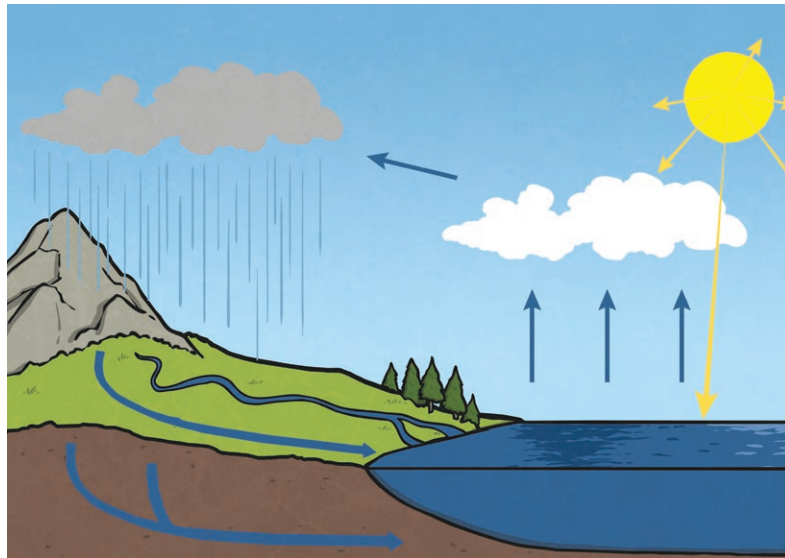
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Annotated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Features



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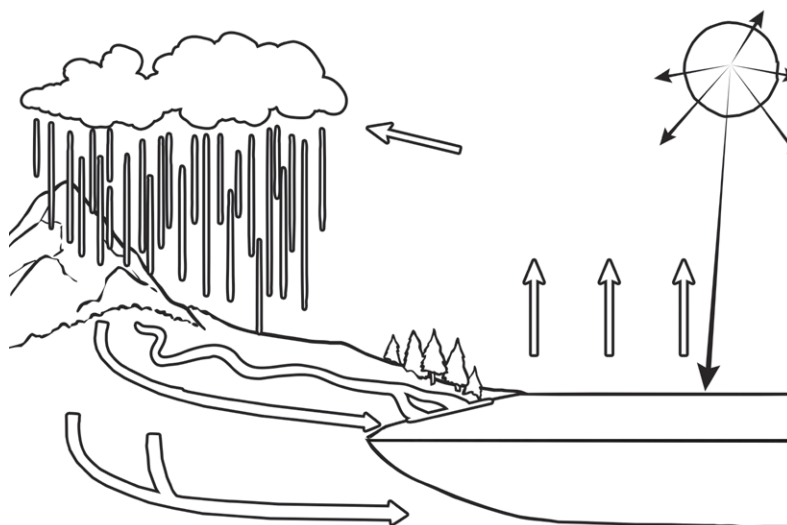
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