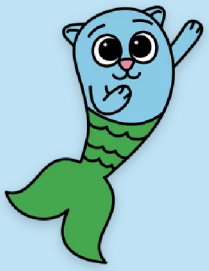
SCIENCE · WATER CYCLE · GRADES 3–5

Water Cycle Words

Match six water cycle words to their meanings, then fill in four sentences.

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1. Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

evaporation ●	● water in the form of a gas
condensation ●	● liquid water turns into a gas and rises
precipitation ●	● rain that flows over the ground into rivers
collection ●	● rain, snow, sleet or hail falling from clouds
water vapor ●	● water vapor cools and turns into drops that make clouds
runoff ●	● water gathering in oceans, lakes, rivers and the ground

Word bank

vapor · clouds · sun · ocean

2. Fill in the blanks.

1. The _____ heats the water and makes it evaporate.
2. Water that evaporates is a gas called water _____.
3. When water vapor condenses, it forms _____.
4. Most of the rain that falls ends up back in the _____.

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