

The Water Cycle

Since the very first years of Earth's existence, there has been water present. No water is ever added or taken away from our atmosphere, because it's constantly moving in a water cycle.

Read the definitions below and put the corresponding term in the spaces marking each part of the cycle in the diagram.

- **Evaporation:** Liquid water is heated by the sun until it rises as water vapor into the atmosphere.
- **Precipitation:** Water falling to the Earth in the form of weather — including rain, sleet, hail and snow
- **Condensation:** Water vapor molecules join together, becoming liquid, in the form of clouds.
- **The Sun:** Creates all of the weather on Earth through the uneven heating of Earth's surface.
- **Liquid Water:** All living things need this to survive and it is an important part of the weather system.

