

The Water Cycle

When water keeps going around and around, it is called a "Water Cycle". The water cycle is made up of a few main parts:

- 1. **Evaporation** - this means that when the sun heats up water in rivers or lakes or the ocean, it turns into steam which is then sent up into the air.
- 2. **Condensation** - this means the steam in the air gets cold and changes into liquid which makes clouds.
- 3. **Precipitation** - means that there is so much water that the clouds get heavy and burst open in the form of rain or hail or snow.
- 4. **Collection** - this means the water falls back to the earth and fills the rivers and oceans again. It also soaks into the earth and becomes ground water which animals and plants can use to drink.

Get out your scissors and glue, at the bottom of the page, are four different pieces on the water cycle picture. Use scissors to cut out the water cycle stages in the picture.

