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## Water Cycle

Learn facts about the water cycle.

Read the passage and answer the questions.

We use the same one percent of all of Earth's water over and over again. The water moves around and around the water cycle. Water evaporates from ocean, rivers, and lakes. **Evaporation** is when liquid water changes to water vapor, which is a gas that you cannot see. The water vapor rises into the sky and condenses into clouds as it cools. Water also evaporates from plant leaves; this is called **transpiration**. **Condensation** means that water vapor turns into water droplets. When the clouds get heavy with water droplets, they fall to the ground as rain, snow, sleet or hail, depending on the temperature. Any water falling from clouds is called **precipitation**. This water might flow into a stream or river on to its way to a lake or ocean. Some precipitation will soak into the ground and be stored in aquifers underground.

1. Describe the first step in the water cycle.

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2. What is another way water turns into water vapor?

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3. What is it called when water vapor turns to water droplets?

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4. What is precipitation?

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5. Describe the two places water is stored.

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