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Natural Recycling

Use the words from the word bank to complete the paragraph. Cross out each word as you use it. Then label the diagram using the words that are left.

The water on the earth is always being _____ . The sun heats up water in the oceans and other places. This causes the water to evaporate, or change from a liquid to a _____. As the warm, moist air rises, it begins to _____. Soon the water is too cool to remain as a vapor. The water vapor _____ or changes back into a liquid. Some of the liquid might _____ into ice crystals. The condensed water and ice crystals become too _____ for the air or clouds. They fall back to the _____. The falling water is called precipitation and can be in the form of _____, snow, sleet, or hail. Much of the precipitation becomes part of rivers and lakes and the _____ again. The water is then heated by the sun and the cycle continues.

Word Bank

evaporation	vapor
recycled	freezes
heavy	condensation
condenses	rain
oceans	cool
precipitation	earth

sun heats water

ocean

