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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

