

# 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 sucked 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 use to drink.

Cut out and paste the pictures, at the bottom of the page, into their correct spaces on the water cycle picture. Put numbers in the circles to show the water cycle stages in the picture.

