

Label Water Cycle Diagram

Read the definitions below, then label the water cycle diagram.



Accumulation - the process in which water pools and is stored in large bodies (like oceans, seas and lakes).

Condensation - the process in which water vapor (a gas) in the air turns into liquid water. (Condensing water forms clouds in the sky. (This term appears twice in the diagram.)

Evaporation - the process in which liquid water becomes water vapor (a gas). Water evaporates from the surfaces of oceans and lakes and from the surface of the land.

Precipitation - the process in which water (in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail) falls from clouds in the sky.

Subsurface Runoff - rain, snow melt, or other water that flows in underground streams, ditches, or rivers.

Surface Runoff - rain, snow melt, or other water that flows in surface streams, rivers, or canals.

Transpiration - the process in which some water within plants evaporates into the atmosphere. Water is first absorbed by the plant's roots, then later exits by evaporating through pores in the plant.