

THE WATER CYCLE

Every living thing depends on water. The water cycle travels through different phases below, above and on the Earth's surface.

Water evaporates into the atmosphere from the ocean, lakes and other bodies of water. Plants also release water vapor into the atmosphere; this process is called transpiration. Cooler temperatures in the air cause the water to condense into clouds. Water precipitates from the clouds as rain or snow and collects on the Earth's surface. Most of the water runs off from the Earth's surface and flows back to the ocean, completing the cycle.

Color in the water cycle. Review the summary and draw arrows to demonstrate the flow of the water cycle. Start at the ocean.

