

# Subject-Specific Vocabulary Cloze

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Read the passage below about the water cycle. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks. Each word should be used once.

| Word Bank    |              |               |            |
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| evaporation  | condensation | precipitation | atmosphere |
| water vapour | molecules    | clouds        | collection |
| temperature  | cycle        | surface       | gravity    |

## The Water Cycle

The water cycle is a continuous \_\_\_\_\_ that moves water between the Earth's surface, the atmosphere, and back again. This process has been occurring for billions of years and is essential for life on our planet.

The first stage is \_\_\_\_\_, which occurs when the sun heats water on the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_. This includes water from oceans, lakes, and rivers. As the \_\_\_\_\_ rises, water \_\_\_\_\_ gain energy and change from liquid to gas, forming \_\_\_\_\_. This invisible gas rises into the \_\_\_\_\_.

As the water vapour rises higher into the sky, it cools down. This cooling causes \_\_\_\_\_, where the gas changes back into tiny liquid droplets. These droplets gather together to form \_\_\_\_\_. When these droplets become too heavy, \_\_\_\_\_ pulls them down, causing them to fall as \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

The final stage is \_\_\_\_\_, where water returns to bodies of water on the Earth's surface or soaks into the ground. From here, the cycle begins again, making water one of our planet's most precious renewable resources.