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# Water Cycle

Water is always moving around us in a never-ending cycle called the water cycle. First, the sun warms up water in rivers, lakes, and oceans, turning it into water vapor. This process is called evaporation. The water vapor rises up into the sky and cools down to form clouds in a process called condensation. When the clouds get heavy, the water falls back to the ground as rain, snow, or hail. This is called precipitation. The water collects in the rivers, lakes and oceans again, and the cycle keeps going.

1. What is evaporation?

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2. How do clouds form in the water cycle?

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3. What happens when clouds become too heavy?

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