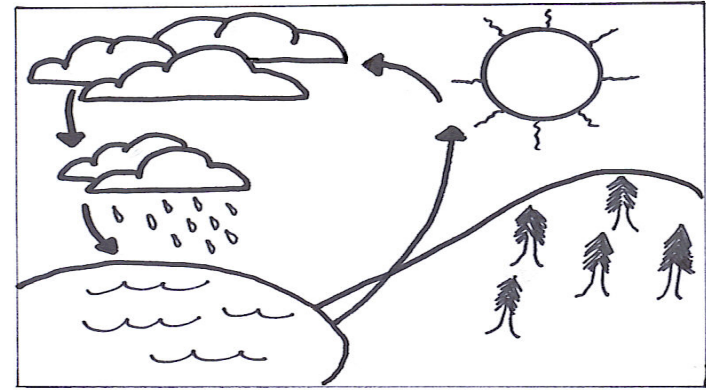
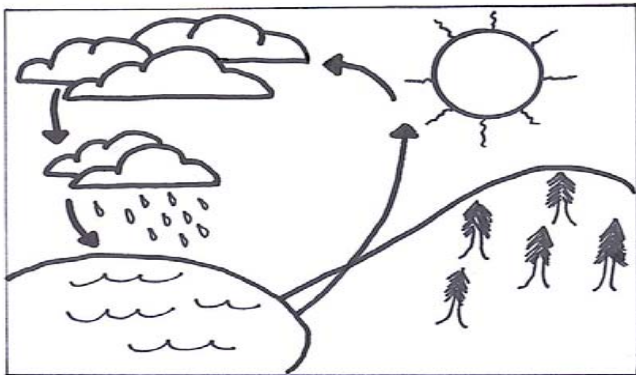


The Water Cycle

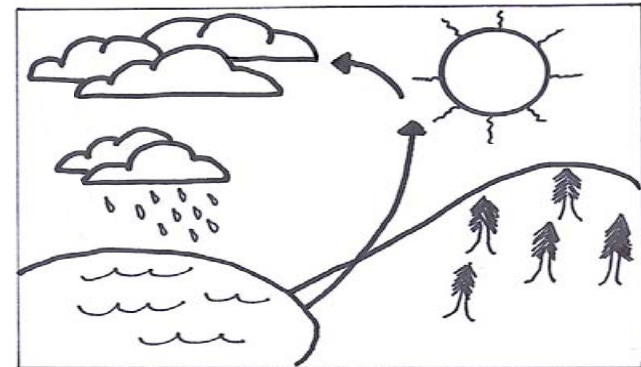


When earth's water moves through the atmosphere, it is called the water cycle.

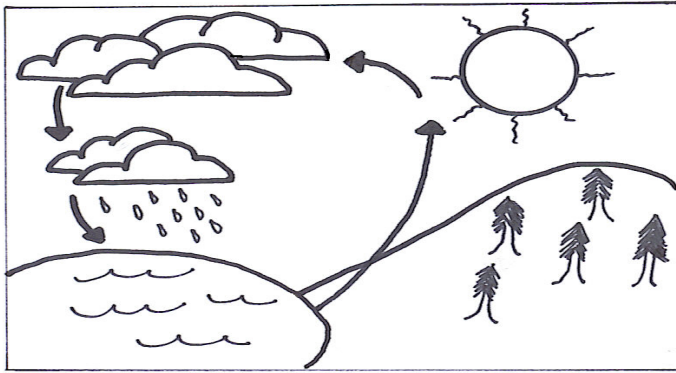
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The process of the water cycle involves evaporation, condensation, and then precipitation.

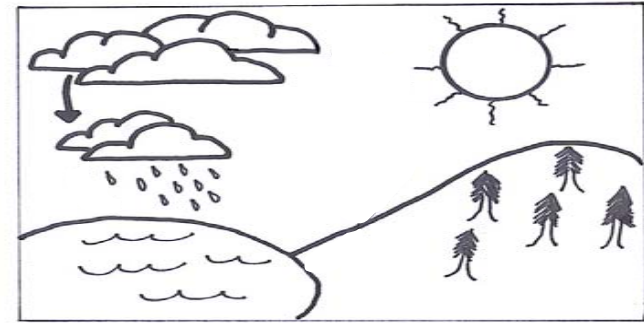


Water is first evaporated in to the earth's atmosphere. In hot weather, the water changes from a liquid to a gas.



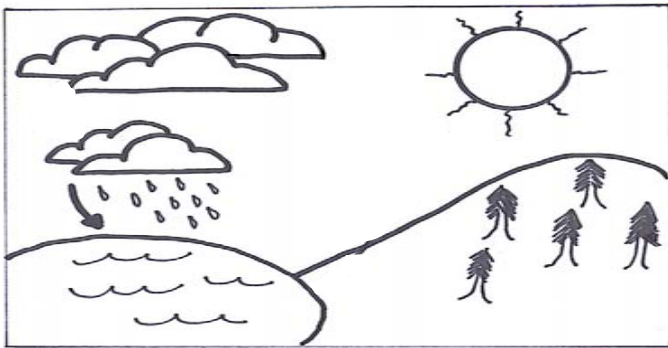
Warm air holds more water, which creates humidity. Humidity is the measure of the amount of water in the air.

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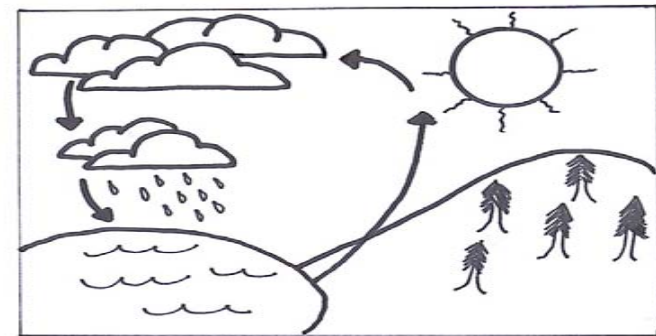
When the water evaporates, it moves up into the atmosphere. Cooler air causes the water to condense into tiny droplets of water. This process is called condensation.

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Water then falls from the clouds as precipitation. Precipitation refers to rain, snow, sleet, or hail, which is any form of water that falls from the clouds.

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The water cycle continually recycles water in our earth's atmosphere.

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