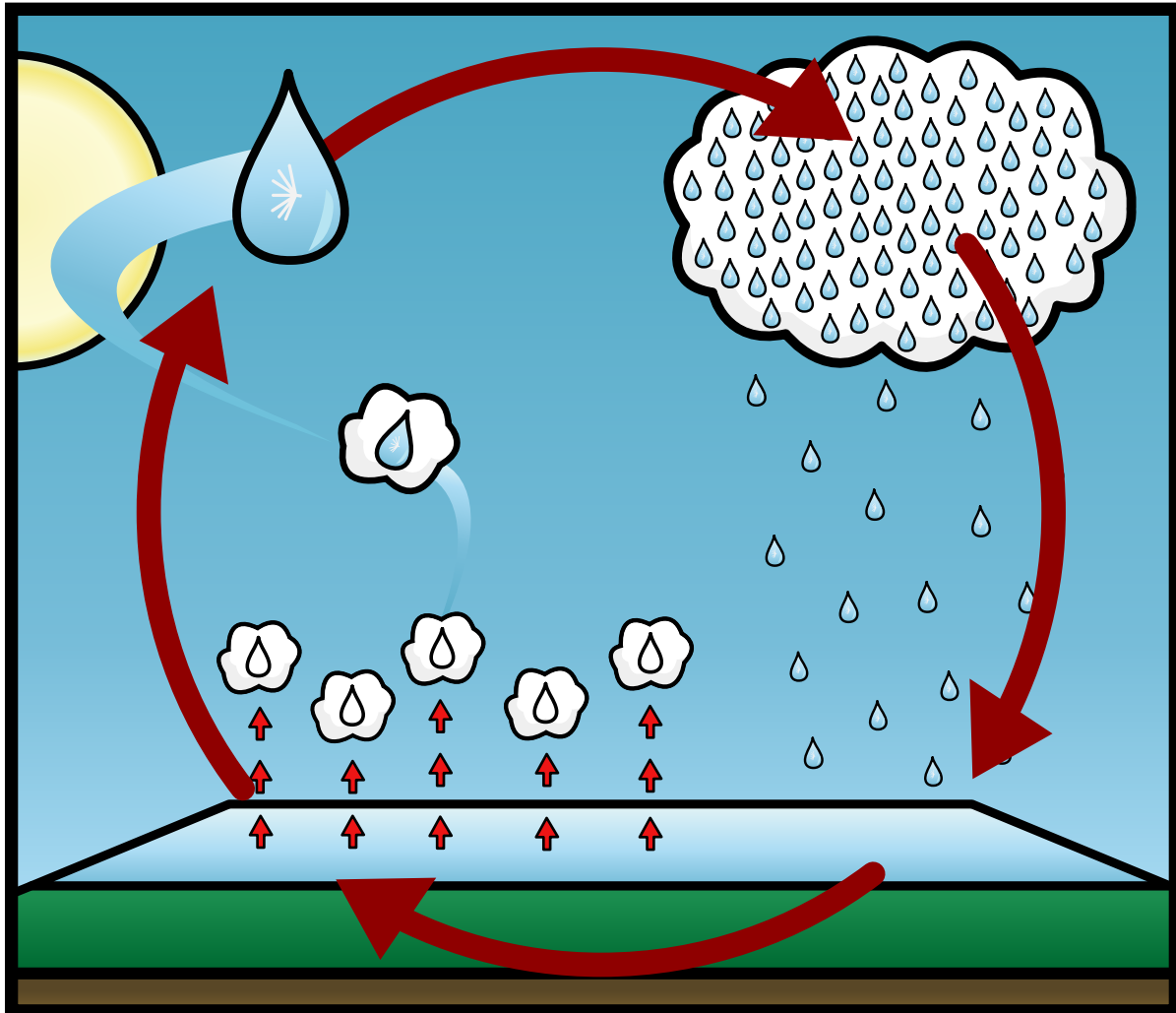


The Water Cycle

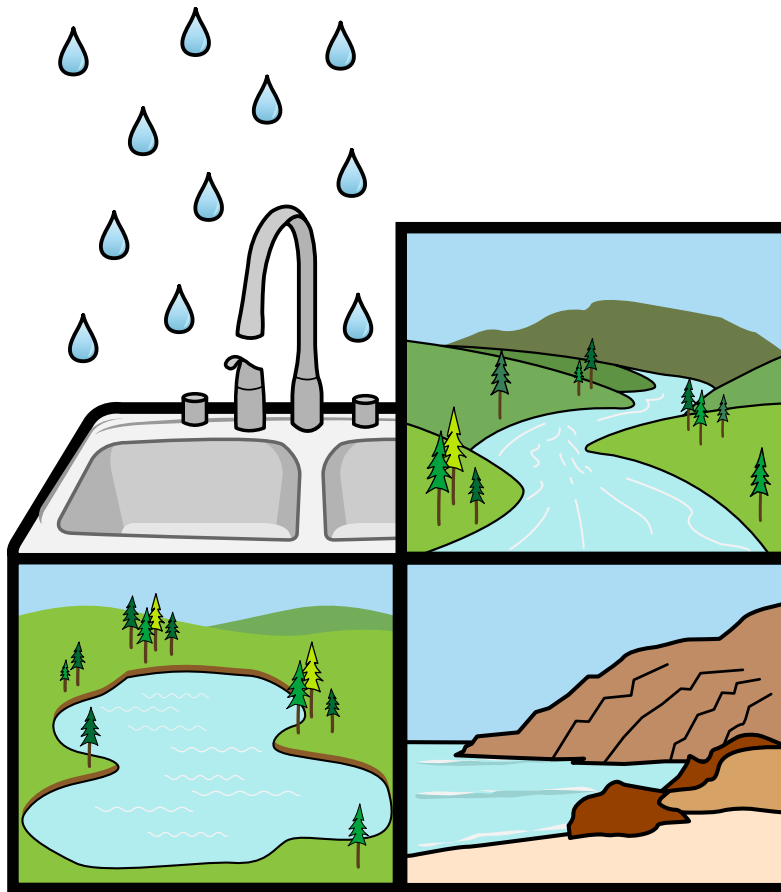
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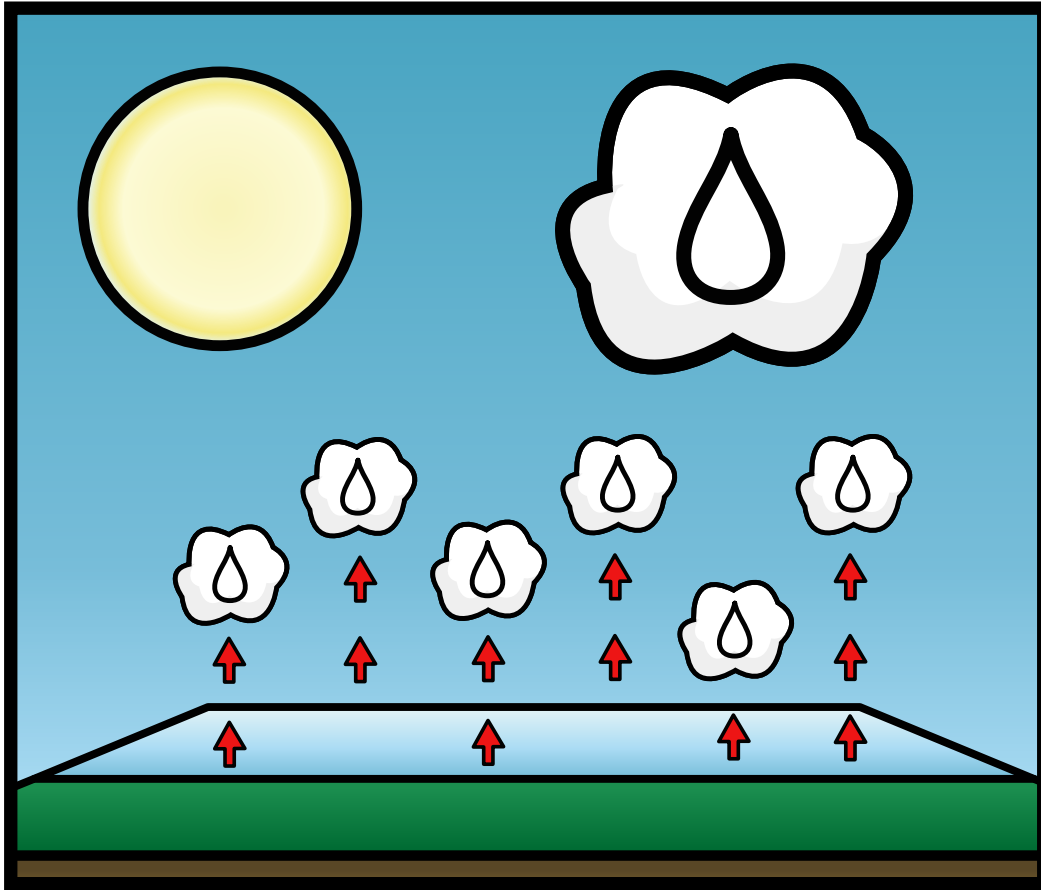
Bind This End

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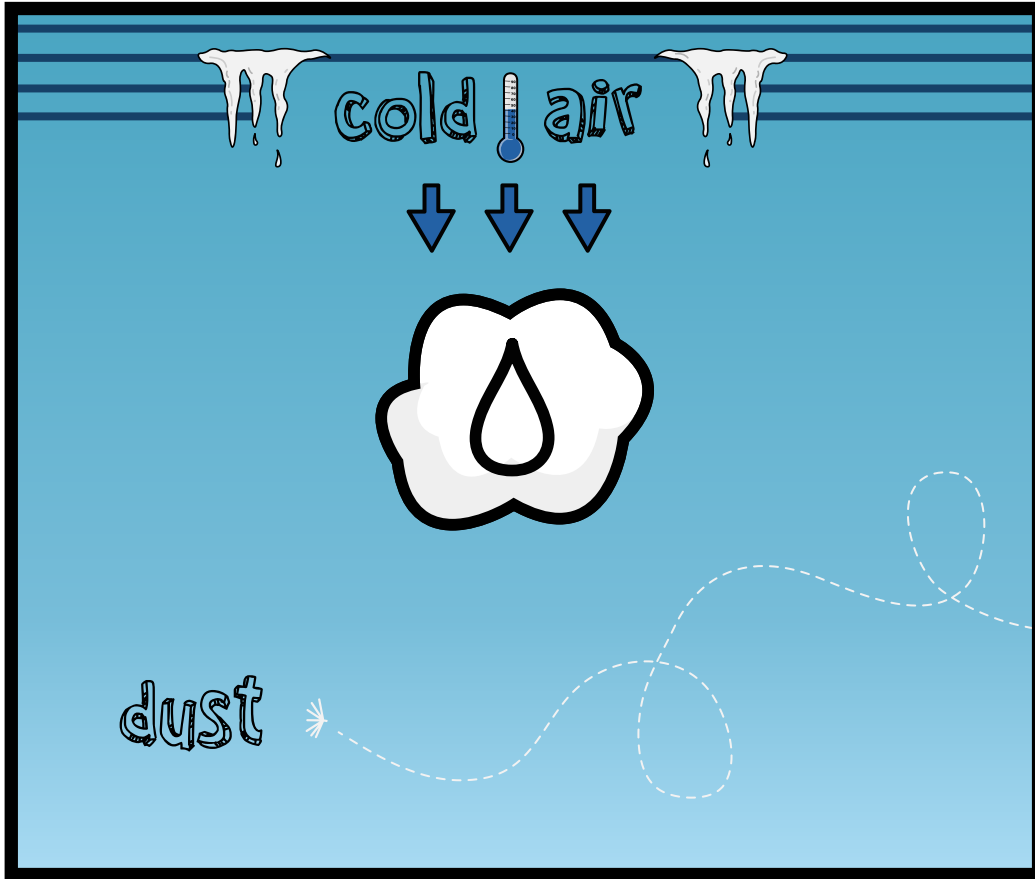
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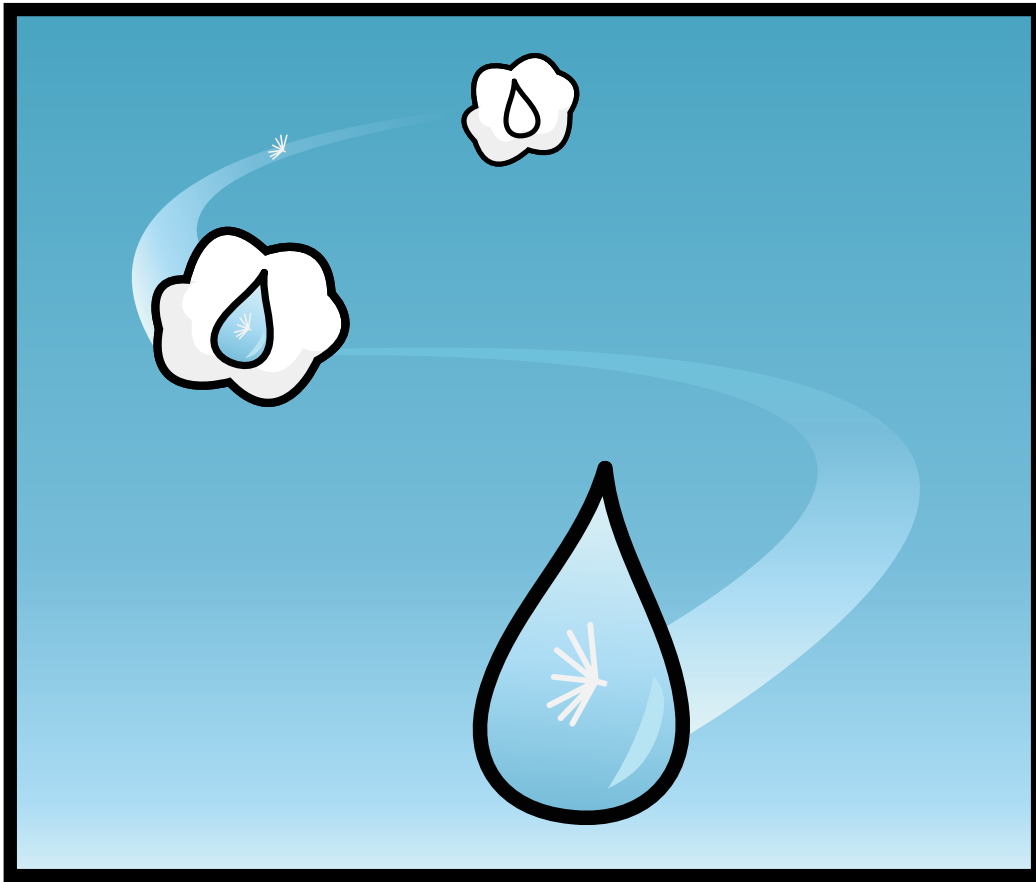
Where do we get water ? You may say we get water from the sink. You may say we get water from the river, lake or ocean. You may say we get water from the rain. This is true, but where does it start ?



The sun warms water on the ground. When the water gets warm, it changes into a gas called water vapor. The warm air pushes the water vapor high in the air.



The water vapor rises higher and the air becomes colder. The cold air stops the water vapor from going any higher. Then the water vapor finds a piece of dust floating in the air.



The water vapor holds onto the piece of dust. The water vapor forms into a tiny drop of water. The drop of water is formed around the piece of dust.

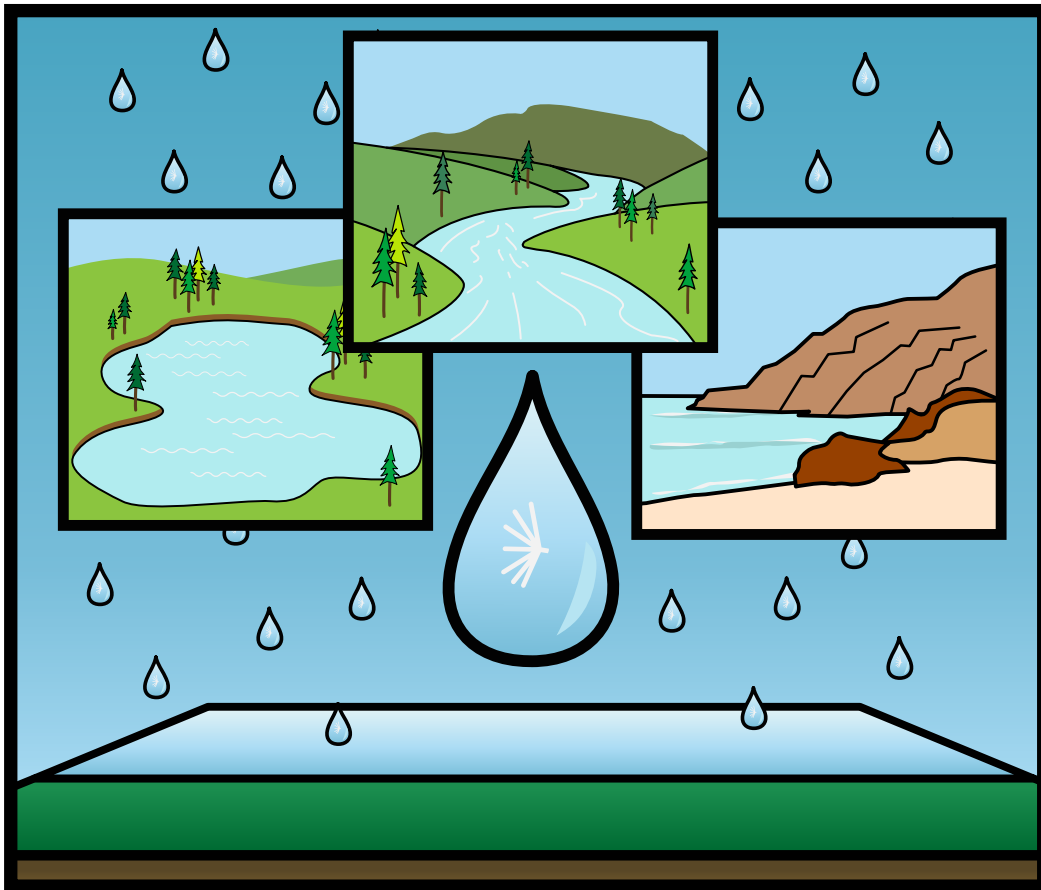


The drop of water then joins together with other drops of water in the air. They become a cloud. Soon, the cloud will have too much water !

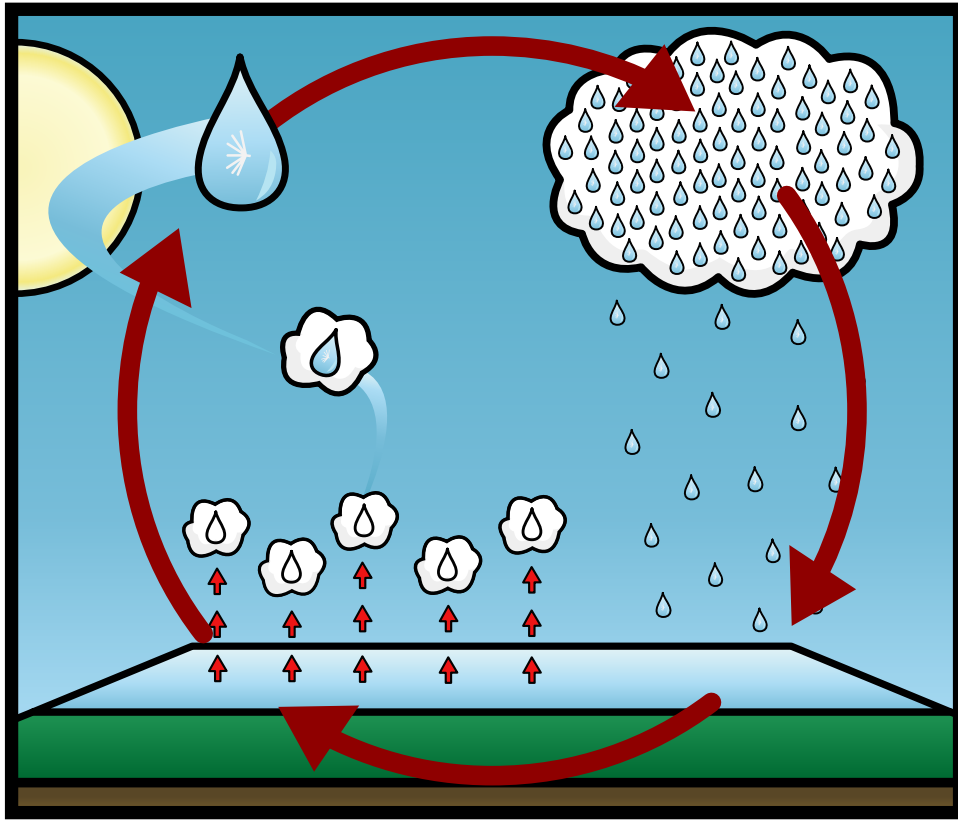


When a cloud has too much water, it becomes heavy !

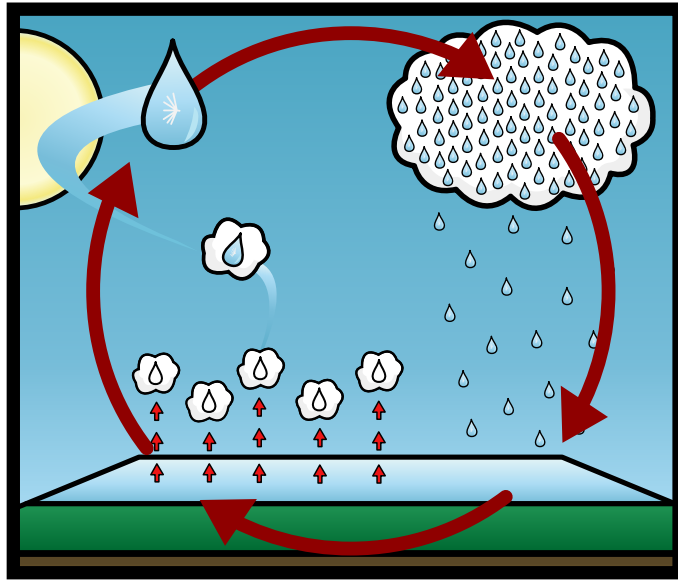
The drops of water will fall from the heavy cloud. The falling water is called rain.



The rain falls to the ground. It fills the oceans, lakes and rivers with water. Rain goes into the ground too.

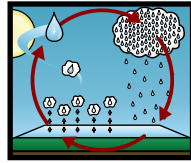


The sun warms water on the ground and changes it back into water vapor. The water vapor forms clouds and rain falls to the ground again. This is called the water cycle.



The End

yes



The Water Cycle

no



change 	called 	push 	warm 	water 	sink 	river
stop 	find 	float 	high 	lake 	ocean 	rain
hold 	form 	around 	cold 	sun 	ground 	gas
join 	fall 	fill 	too much 	water vapor 	air 	dust
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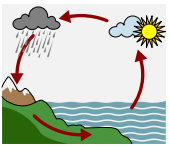
Glossary



water vapor - the gas form of water



rain - drops of water that fall from clouds



water cycle - the movement of water between the sky and land