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The Water Cycle Notes

Water never leaves the \_\_\_\_\_\_. It is constantly being \_\_\_\_\_ through the atmosphere, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and land. This process, known as the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cycle**, is driven by \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the sun. The water cycle is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the existence of life on our planet.

During part of the water cycle, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ heats up liquid water and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it to a gas by the process of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that evaporates from Earth’s oceans, lakes, rivers, and moist \_\_\_\_\_ rises up into the atmosphere.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of evaporation from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is called transpiration. (In other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it’s like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sweating.)

As water (in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of gas) rises higher in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it starts to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and become a liquid again. This process is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When a large amount of water \_\_\_\_\_\_ condenses, it results in the formation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When the water in the clouds gets too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the water falls \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the earth. This is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When rain falls on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, some of the water is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the ground forming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of water called groundwater. Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eventually returns to the ocean. Other precipitation runs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into streams or rivers. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that collects in rivers, streams, and oceans is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.