








Rivers and the Water Cycle

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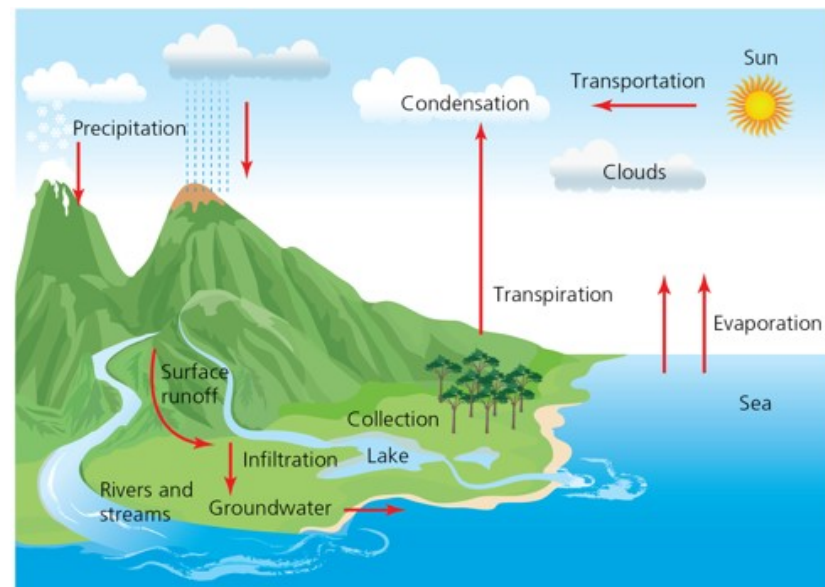


Geography

 evaporation	The change of a state of matter from liquid to gas.
 precipitation	Water that fall to earth under gravity, e.g. rain, snow, sleet, hail, etc.
 condensation	The change of a state of matter from gas to liquid.
 source	The original point where a river begins.
 meander	A curve in a river. It is produced as water erodes an outer bank and deposits its sediments on an inner bank.
 estuary	Where the mouth of a river broadens as it meets the sea.
 tributary	A river or stream that flows into a larger river.

The Water Cycle

The water cycle is the continuous journey of water from oceans and lakes, to clouds, to rain, to streams, to rivers and back into the ocean again.



Rivers

Most inland human settlements were originally formed around rivers. In addition to drinking and bathing they were important for trade.

