

How the Water Cycle Works – Cloze Activity

Level 3 Lexile 990

Curriculum Area: Science Level 3/4	Strand: Planet Earth and Beyond	Background Page: The Water Cycle
Achievement Aims:	<u>Interacting systems</u> Levels 3-4: <i>Investigate the water cycle and its effect on climate, landforms, and life.</i>	

The water cycle is always in movement and it has no starting or ending point.

The (1) _____, which drives the water cycle, heats water in the oceans and lakes. Some of it (2) _____ as (3) _____ into the air. Ice and snow can also turn into water vapour as it melts.

The vapour rises into the air where cooler temperatures cause it to (4) _____ into clouds. Air currents move (5) _____ around the globe.

As clouds (6) _____ and grow, water falls out of the sky as precipitation. Some precipitation falls as snow and can store up (7) _____ ice caps and glaciers, which can store frozen water for thousands of years.

(8) _____ falls back into the oceans or onto land, where, due to gravity, the precipitation flows over the ground as (9) _____. Some of the run-off enters (10) _____ in valleys in the landscape and carries on towards the oceans and lakes.

Not all run-off flows into rivers. Much of it (11) _____ into the ground.

Some underground water finds openings in the land surface and comes out as (12) _____ springs.

Over time, the water continues flowing, some to re-enter the ocean, as the (13) _____ continues.

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sun vapour water cycle