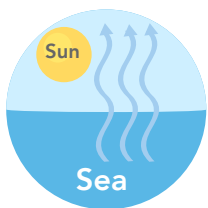
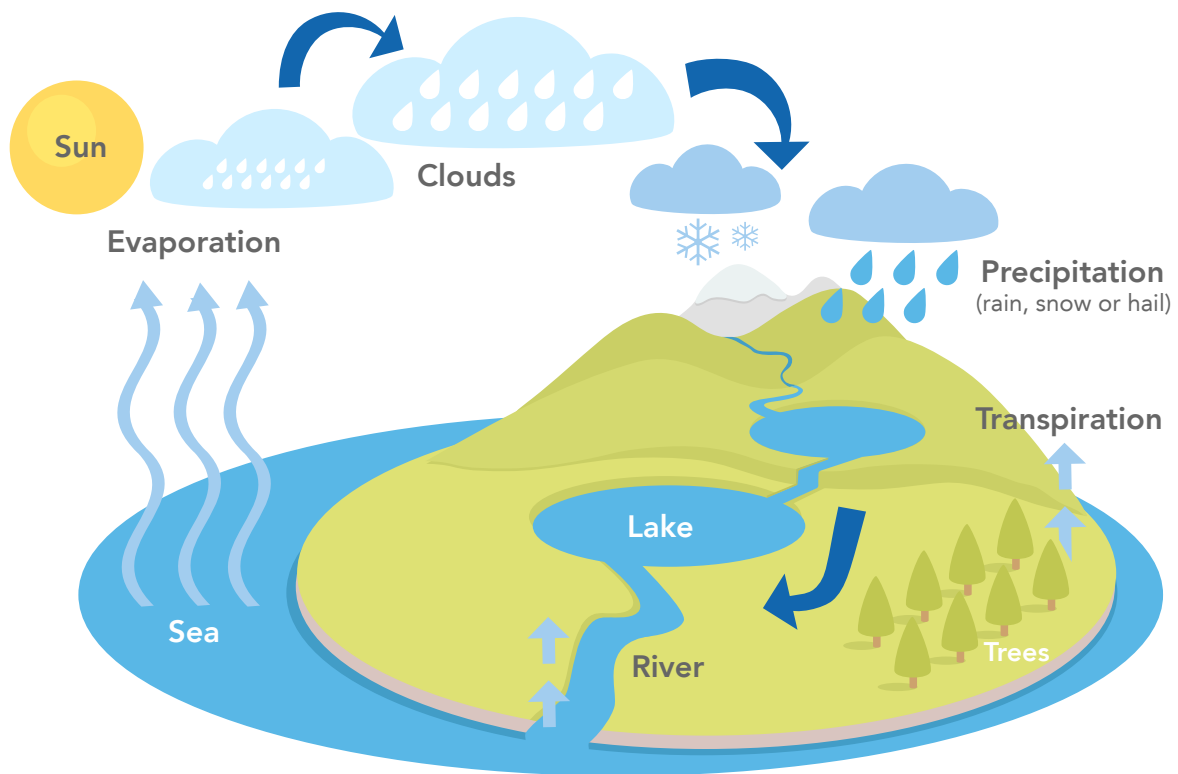




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The Water Cycle



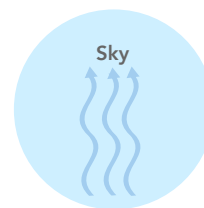
Water **evaporates** from the sea (leaving the salt behind).



Fresh water **evaporates** from rivers.



Trees breathe out water vapour through their leaves (this is called **transpiration**).



This **water vapour** rises into the sky.



As the water vapour rises it gets colder and **condenses** to form clouds.



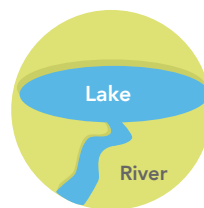
The **water droplets** in the clouds group together to form bigger droplets.



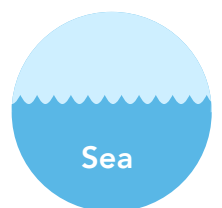
When the water droplets get too big and heavy they fall from the sky as rain, snow or hail.



Some of this water **feeds** plants, trees and animals.



The rest of the water soaks into the ground and flows into rivers.



Eventually, rivers take the water back out into the sea where the cycle starts again.