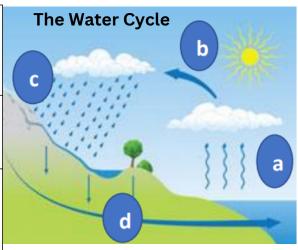
a	Water evaporates into the air
	The sun heats up water at the surface of
	seas, rivers, lakes and turns it into water
	vapour. The water vapour rises into the
	air.
b	Water vapour condenses into clouds
	Water vapour in the air cools and
	changes back into tiny drops of liquid
	water, forming clouds.
С	Water falls as rain snow, sleet etc
	When too much water has condensed
	the water droplets in the clouds get too
	heavy and water falls back down to Earth
	in the form of rain, snow, sleet etc. This
	is called precipitation.

Water returns to the sea.

The cycle starts all over again



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Key vocabulary		
change of	When a material changes from	
state	one state to another.	
melting	A solid changing into a liquid.	
freezing	When a liquid becomes cold	
	enough to turn solid, it freezes.	
melting point	The temperature at which a	
	solid becomes a liquid.	
boiling point	The temperature at which a	
	liquid turns into a gas.	
evaporation	When liquid changes into a gas.	
condensation	The process when a gas changes	
	into a liquid, caused by cooling.	
water cycle	The never-ending process of	
	water moving from the oceans,	
	up into the atmosphere, and	
	back to the Earth and oceans.	
temperature	The measure of how hot or cold	
	something is.	

A solid keeps its shape and has a fixed volume.

Rainwater runs over the land and collects in lakes or rivers which take it back to

ice

the sea.



sugar



A **liquid** has a fixed volume but changes in shape to fit the container. It can be poured.

water



honey



A gas fills all the available space; it has no fixed shape or volume.

water

vapour



bubbles in cola





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