

The water cycle

Did you know that water moves between lakes, rivers, oceans, the sky and the land in a continuous loop? Look at the picture below and follow the yellow circle with your finger. Where would you choose to live to make sure you have all the water you need? Add your house to the picture and colour the picture in.

Water vapour rises up high into the sky where it cools and turns into small droplets, forming clouds.

When water droplets in the clouds become too big and heavy for the air to hold them, they fall to earth as rain, snow or hail.

The sun heats up the water in rivers, lakes and oceans. When this happens, some of the water turns into a vapour, like you can sometimes see rising from boiling water.

Rainwater collects in rivers, lakes and oceans.