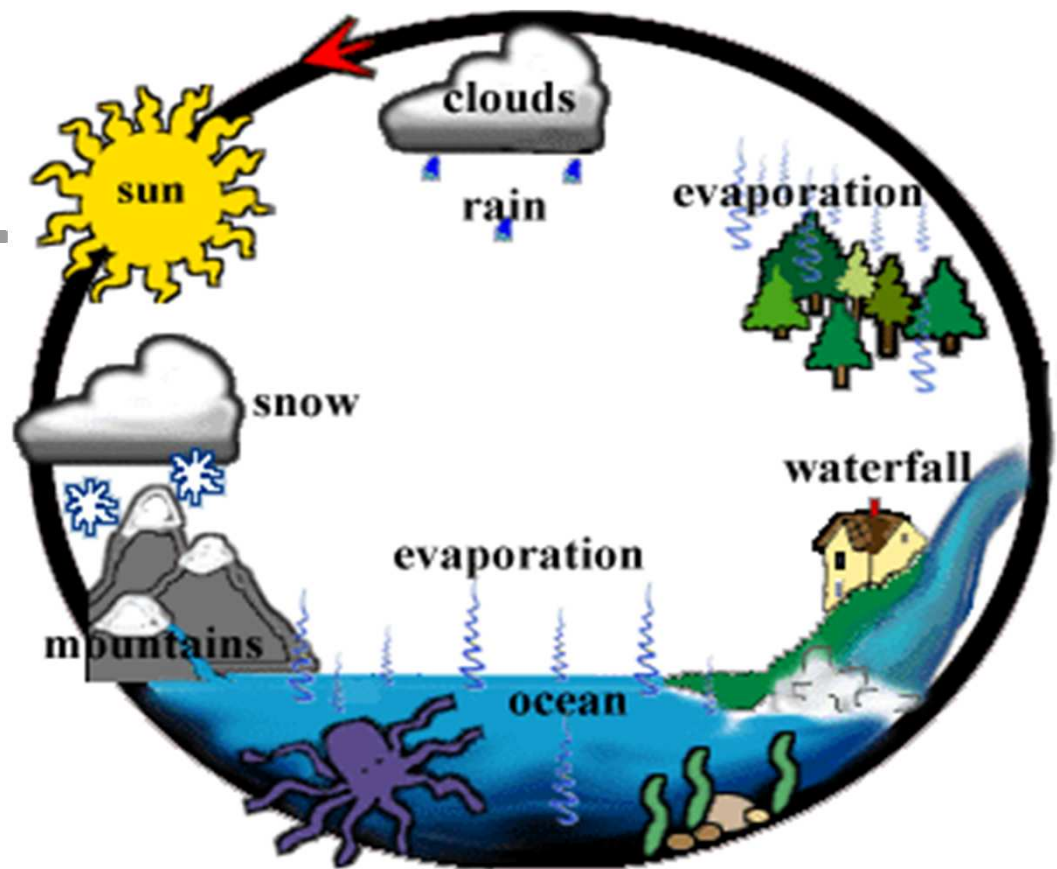


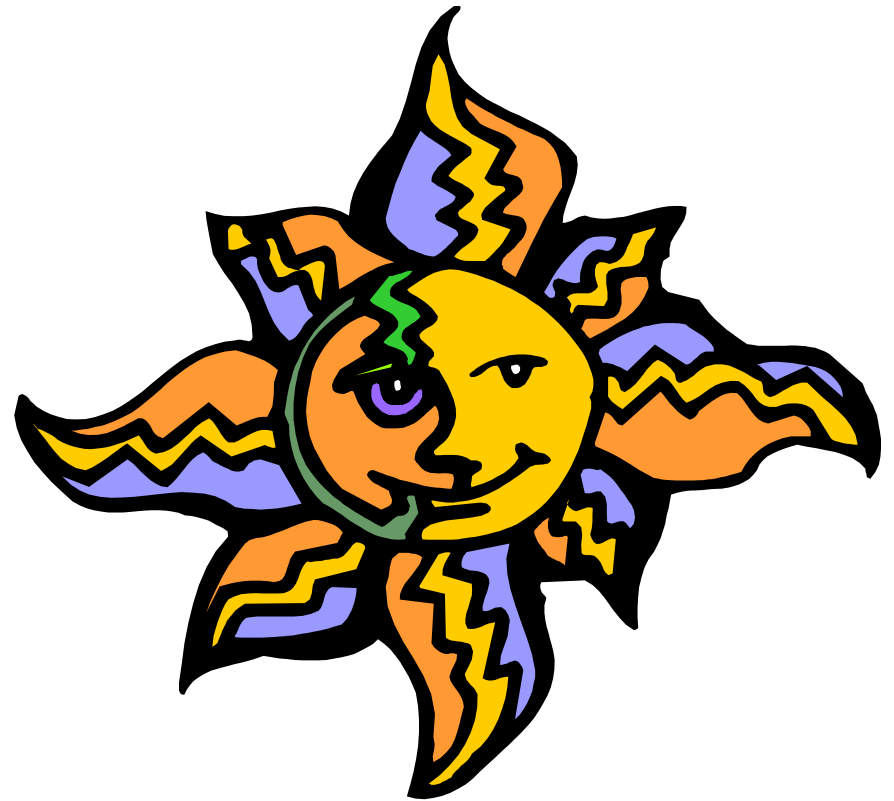
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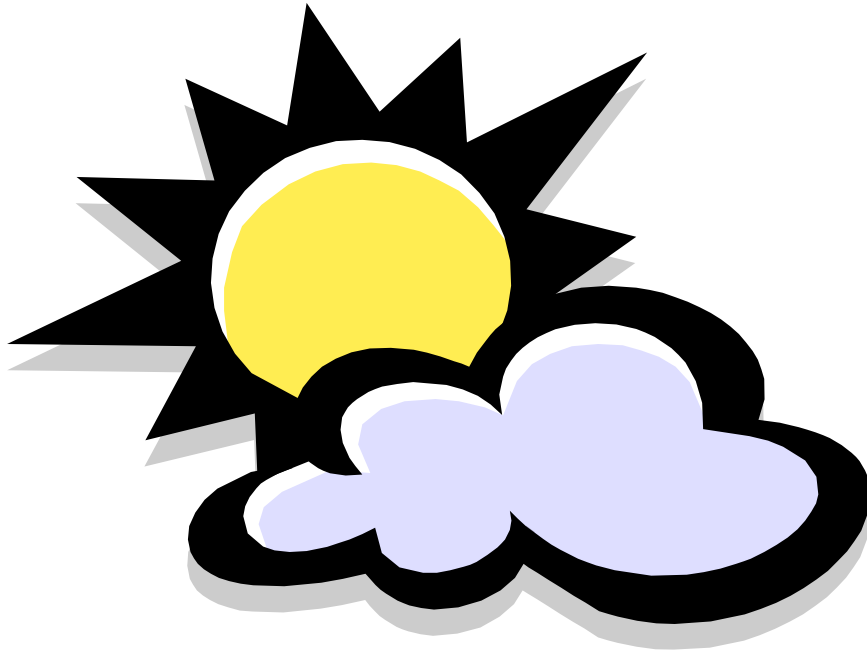
Sunshine

- The sun will shine on water located in various areas making it warmer. This causes the water to eventually turn into vapor. This vapor becomes a cloud.





Evaporation



- Evaporation occurs when the sun heats water turning it into water vapor. This vapor leaves its source and becomes part of a cloud.



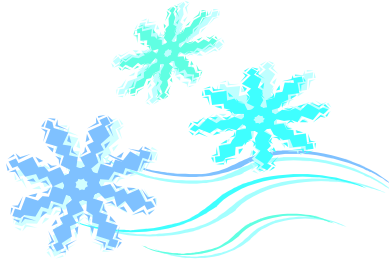
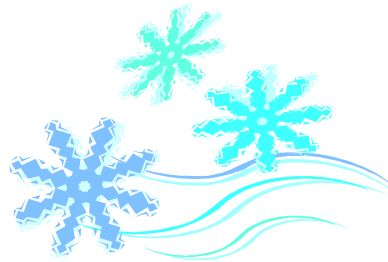
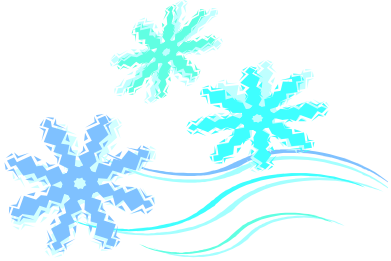
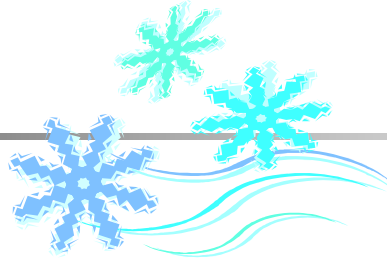
Rain

- As evaporation occurs, the water vapor becomes clouds. These clouds get so full of water that water droplets (rain) starts to fall. It falls onto the ground and into lakes, rivers, and streams.





Snow



- When the air is really cold, it might snow rather than rain. It will remain on top of the ground until it melts. It will then turn into water and run into streams and rivers.

Mountains and Ice

- The snow that falls onto mountains may turn into ice because of the cold temperatures. This ice and snow may form glaciers.





Rivers and Streams



- Rivers and streams carry water to reservoirs, lakes and finally to the ocean. Many carry the water thousands of miles.



Oceans

- Oceans cover about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the surface of the Earth. When the fresh water gets to the ocean it mixes and becomes salty. The sun shines on the oceans and warms the water. The water becomes vapor and forms a cloud.

