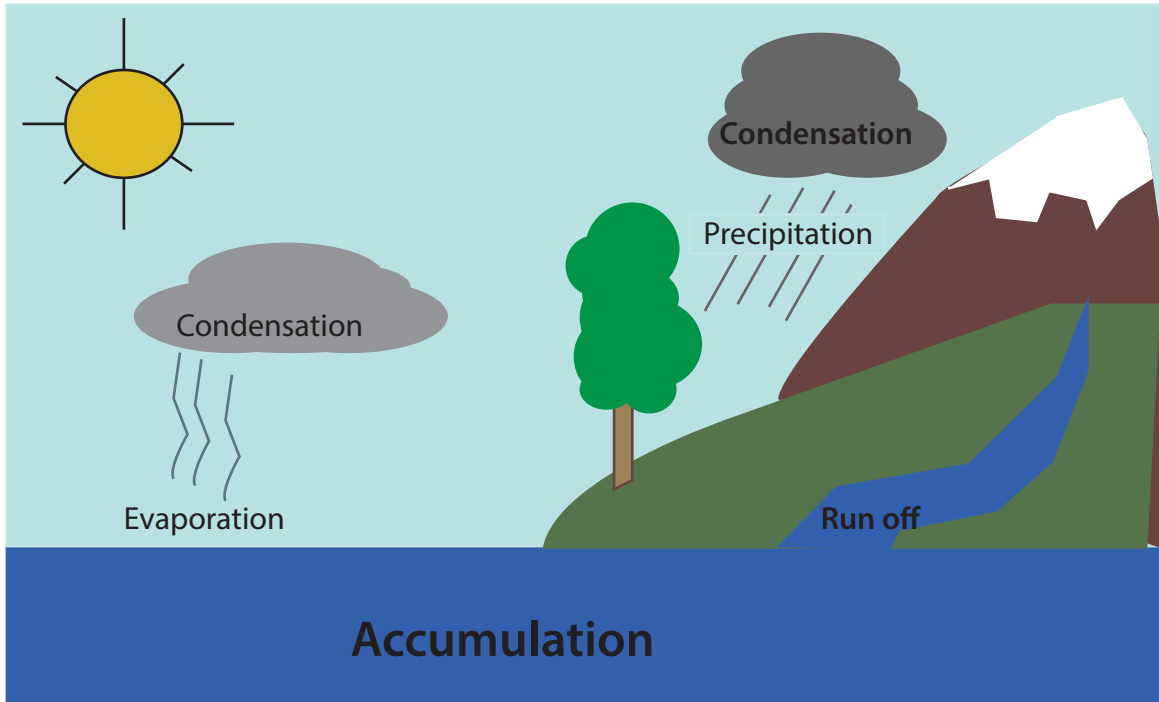


The Cycle of Water

Water travels in a cycle. It is on a continuous journey from the sky to land and back again.



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| Precipitation | Water falls to the earth as rain, snow, sleet, or hail. |
| Evaporation | Water changes from a liquid to gas as it is heated by the sun |
| Condensation | Water vapor changes from a gas to a liquid and forms water droplets as it cools |
| Run off | Water drains from a high point of land and flows into an existing body of water |
| Accumulation | Water collects on the earth's surface - oceans, stream, and lakes |
| Transpiration | Water is absorbed by a plant, carried through to the leaves, and then turned into water vapor and released into the atmosphere |