

The water cycle



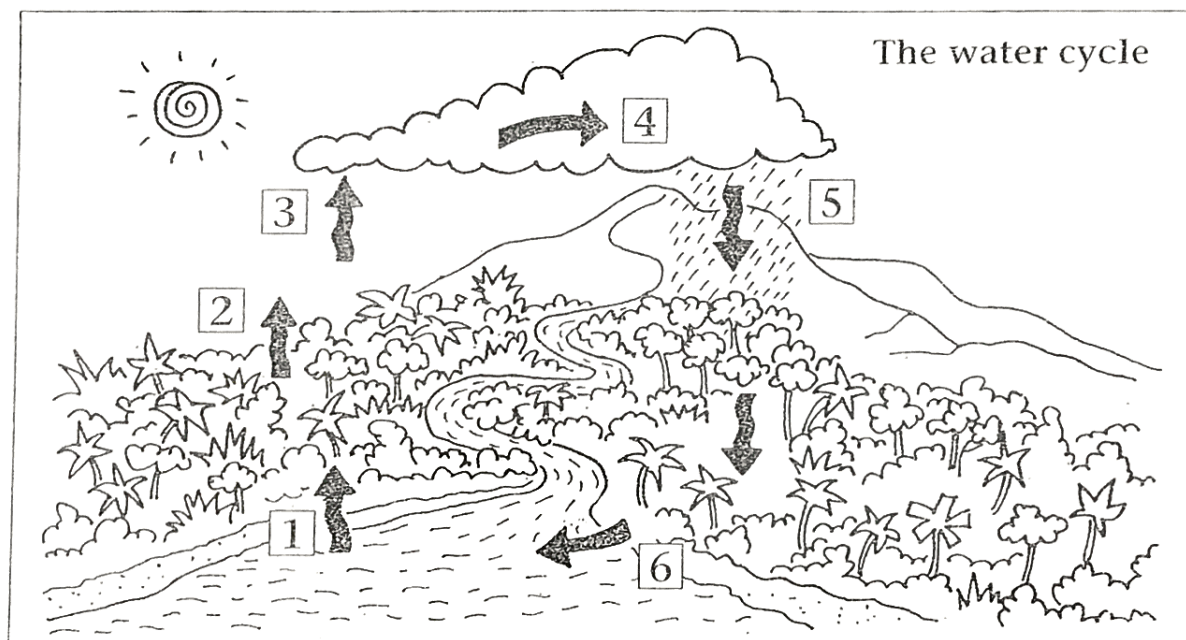
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Most rain forests grow in the hottest and wettest parts of the world. During the day, clouds gather over the forests. These clouds are full of water. Where do you think this water comes from?

Every drop of water on Earth has been used over and over again since time began. This natural recycling system is called the water cycle.

Look at the diagram. The numbers show the stages of the water cycle.



Now look at the six sentences below. They explain the stages of the water cycle, but they are not in the right order. Match the sentences to the six stages. Write the correct number next to each sentence.

☐ 6 Rain-water is taken up by the forest plants, or flows into rivers and back to the sea.

☐ 3 As it rises, the water vapour begins to cool down and forms clouds.

☐ 2 The water vapour rises, carried upwards by warm air.

☐ 1 The sun heats the water in the sea, rivers and forests, turning some of it into water vapour.

☐ 5 The water droplets get bigger and heavier and fall as rain.

☐ 4 Water droplets form in the clouds.