

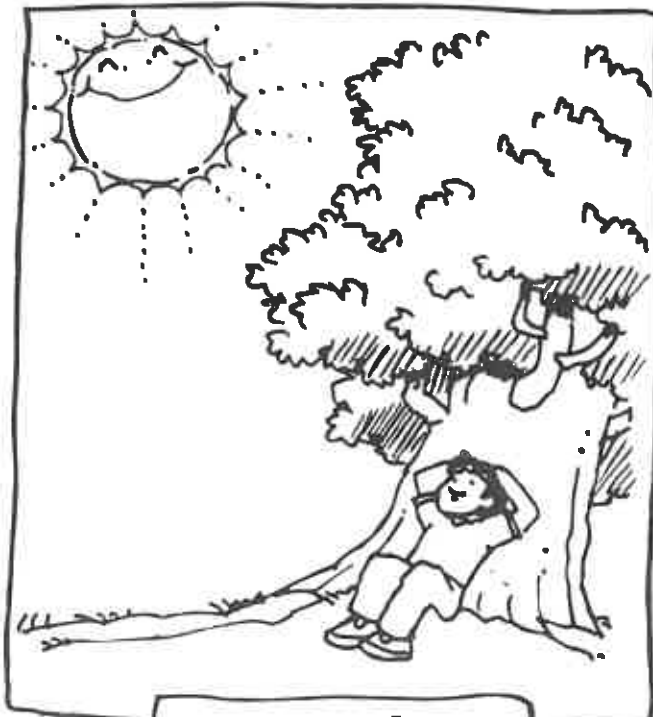
Rain



There are times when rain falls to the Earth. There are times when the Earth is dry. Both times happen over and over again. They are part of the **rain cycle**.



rainy day

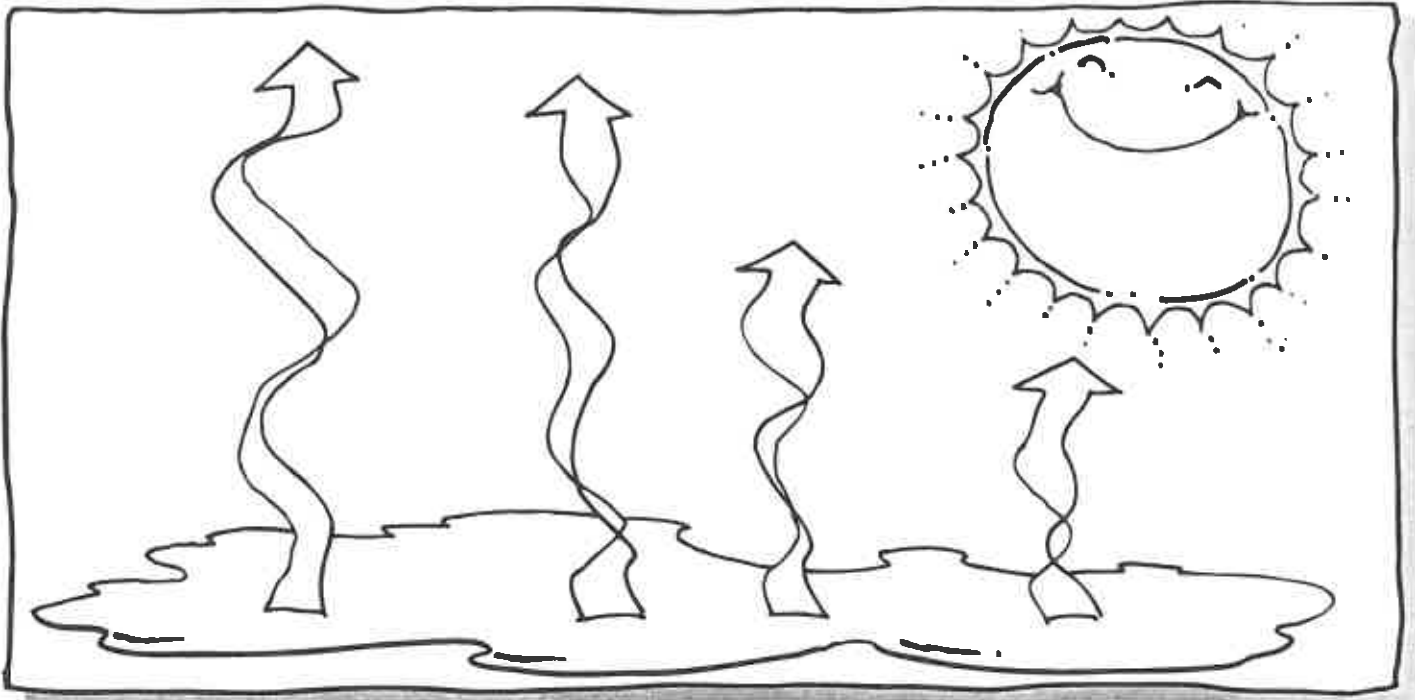


sunny day

The hot sun warms the Earth. The heat causes water to **evaporate** from rivers, lakes, and oceans. Warm air is lighter than cold air. It rises up into the sky. The **water vapor** goes up with the warm air.

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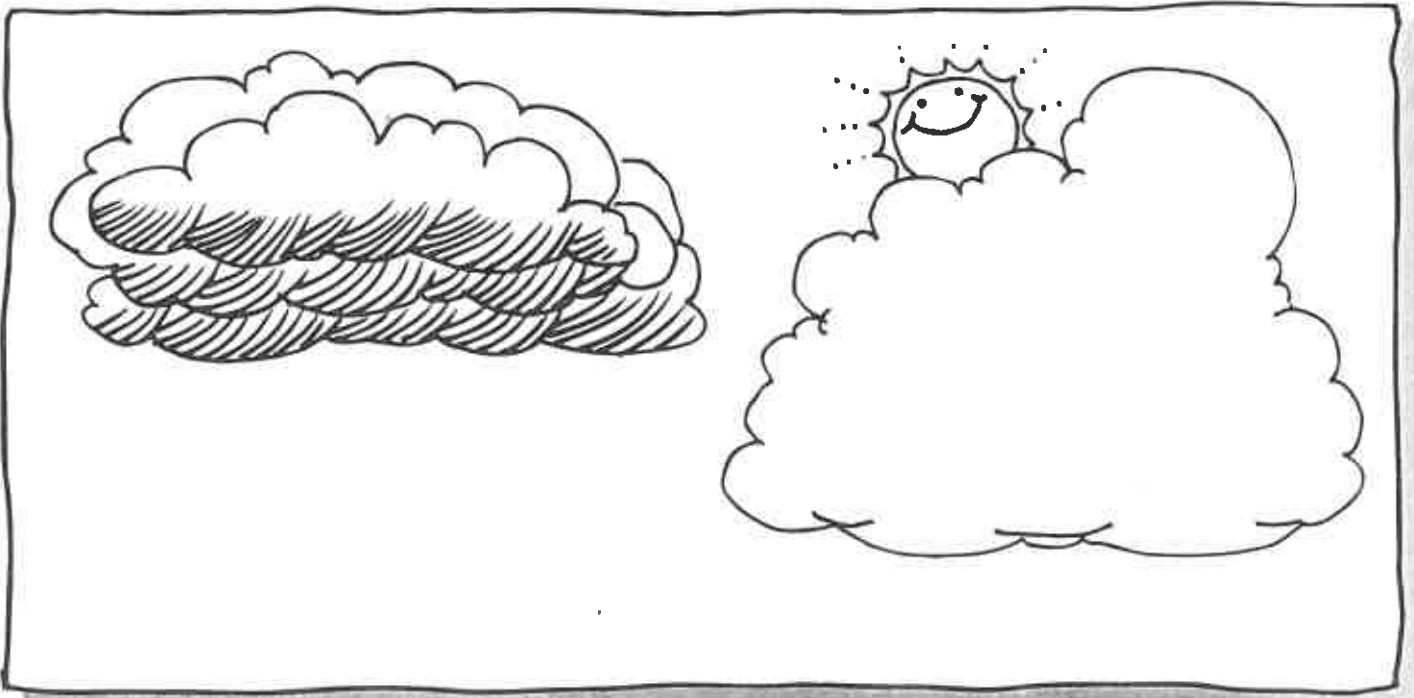
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As the water vapor rises it meets cold air and **condenses** into drops. Millions of drops come together to make clouds.

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Dark clouds contain more water than white clouds.

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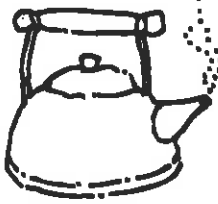
When a cloud gets so full of water it can't hold anymore, water drops begin to fall back to Earth. This is called rain (precipitation).



Then the rain cycle starts all over again.

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Match:



when water changes to water vapor

• condensation



when water vapor changes to water

• precipitation



when water drops fall to the Earth

• evaporation

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