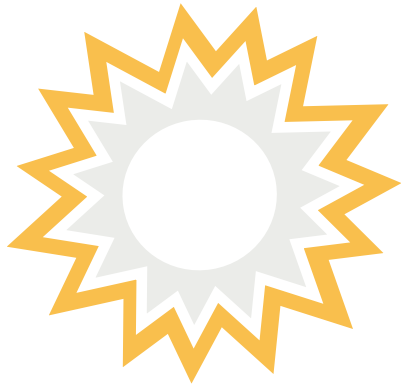


# THE WATER CYCLE

The process by which water moves through the earth and atmosphere.

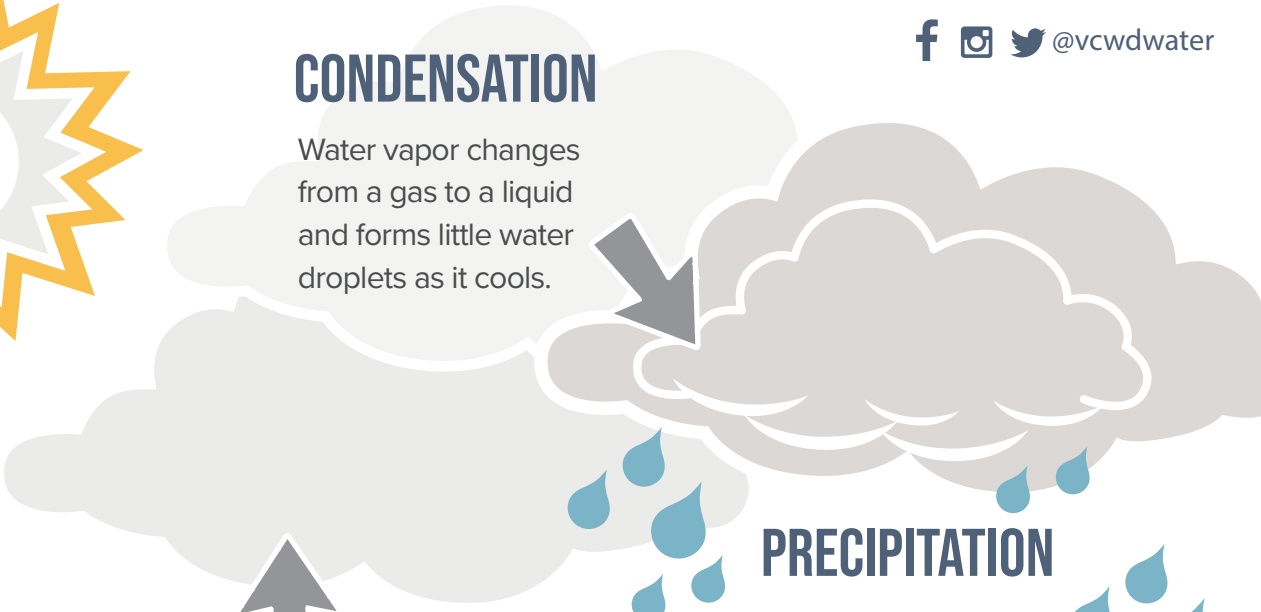


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## CONDENSATION

Water vapor changes from a gas to a liquid and forms little water droplets as it cools.



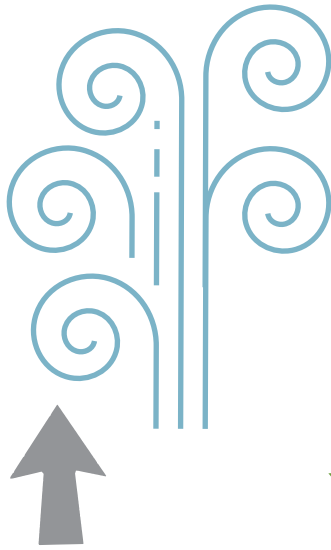
## PRECIPITATION

Water droplets fall from the atmosphere in the form of rain, sleet, snow or hail.



## TRANSPIRATION

The passage of water vapor from plants into the atmosphere.

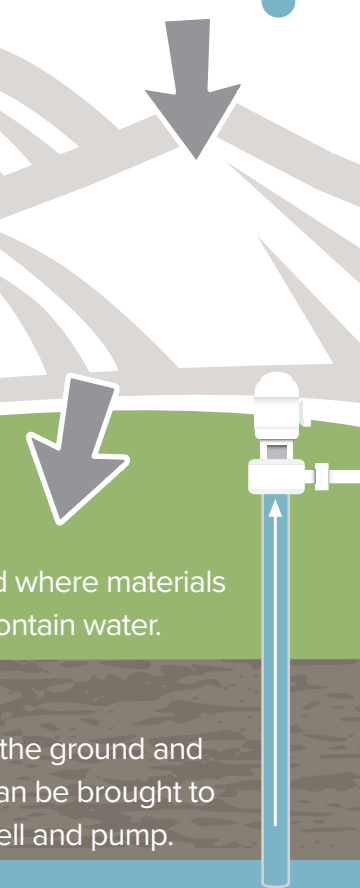


## EVAPORATION

The process that occurs when water changes from a liquid to a gas caused by heat.

## GROUNDWATER

Water is absorbed underground where materials like rock, sand, gravel, or clay contain water.



## PERCOLATION

Water seeps through the ground and from these layers, it can be brought to the surface using a well and pump.

## SURFACE RUNOFF

Rainwater that is not absorbed into the ground travels to the ocean.

