



### What Steps are involved in Water Cycle?

#### 1. Evaporation

In this process, the heat from the Sun causes the water present on the Earth (*seas, oceans, rivers, ponds and lakes*) to evaporate in the form of vapours and rise up to the sky. The water vapours then accumulate to form clouds.

#### 2. Condensation

When these water vapours cool down sufficiently, they turn into the liquid state again. The procedure of converting from a gaseous form into liquid is called condensation.

#### 3. Precipitation

Precipitation takes place when water vapours condense to turn into tiny water drops, which fall from the sky in the form of rain, sleet, snow, or hail.

#### 4. Collection

The water falling from the sky due to precipitation gathers in different water bodies like oceans, seas, rivers, lakes and so on. The water then evaporates again and the cycle continues.