

Water Cycle

Topics covered

- The water cycle: Evaporation, condensation, precipitation, run-off.
- See Key Stage 3 information on the water cycle for more details.
- See also weather and climate sheets.

Objectives

- Understand the main stages in the water cycle.

Activities

- Write labels on diagram of water cycle.
- Word search (answers at end of this sheet).

Suggested approach

- Talk about what happens to rainwater – where does it eventually end up?
- Introduce the concept of water continually cycling round.
- Look at local maps and identify where water collects in lakes and reservoirs, and where major rivers are located.

Useful resources

- Ordnance Survey relief map of your area.

Answers

Word search

S	A	H	J	P	E	T	S	Y	N	C	K	L
B	B	H	M	R	K	E	E	X	K	L	O	M
C	O	N	D	E	N	S	A	T	I	O	N	Z
J	R	U	I	C	R	F	V	E	M	U	E	A
L	E	T	B	I	X	C	I	M	O	D	S	N
C	H	D	S	P	U	J	N	C	Z	Y	E	U
J	O	T	R	I	V	E	R	M	I	L	R	K
U	L	R	E	T	O	B	V	R	M	Y	P	S
G	E	E	V	A	P	O	R	A	T	I	O	N
K	U	O	X	T	B	I	K	I	L	H	T	E
Y	S	P	R	I	N	G	U	N	P	Y	S	Q
M	U	H	I	O	E	V	G	N	I	O	L	W
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For more information and ideas on this topic see our Key Stage 3 material.