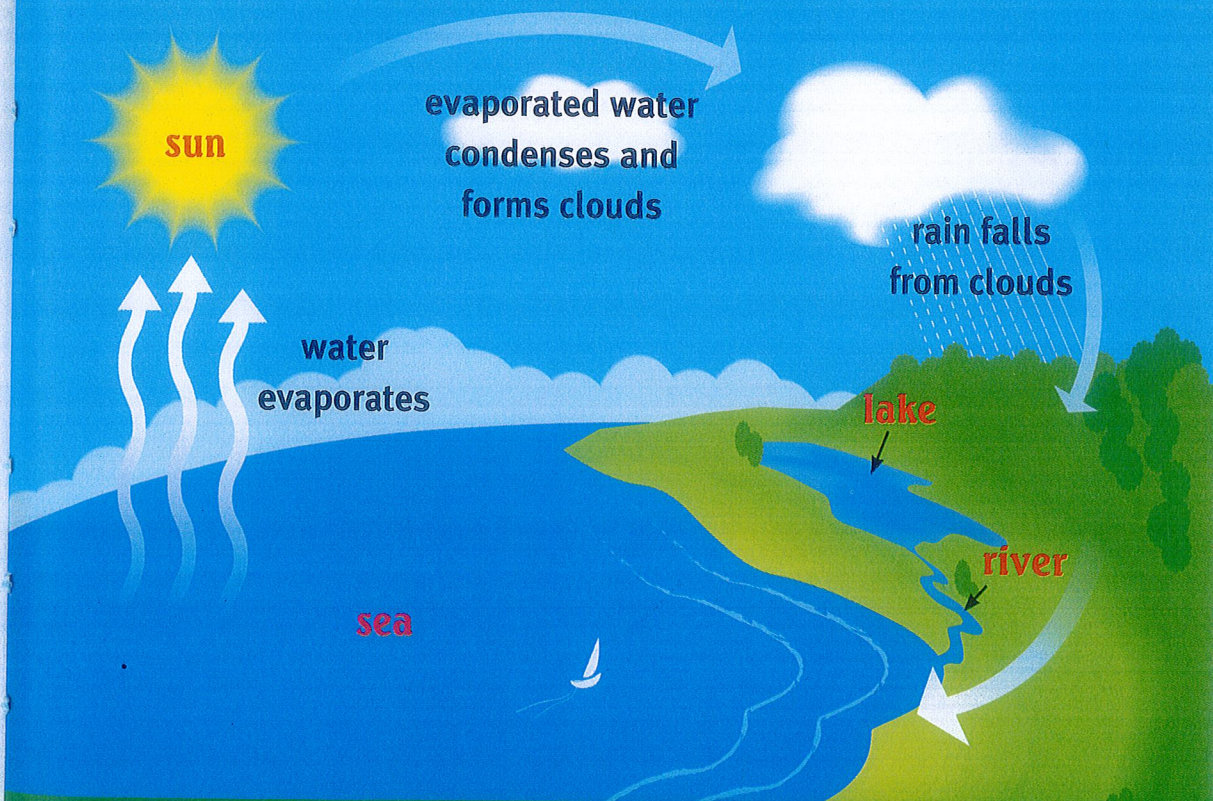


The same thing happens with oceans and other bodies of water. The sun heats the water. Then huge amounts of water evaporate. The water vapor rises into the air. As the water vapor rises, it cools and **condenses**, or turns from a gas into a liquid. Droplets of water form clouds.

When the droplets get too heavy to float in the clouds, rain falls. If rain were spread evenly across the surface of Earth, about 40 inches (101.6 centimeters) of rain would fall each year.

The Water Cycle



▲ Water evaporates from lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water. However, nearly 80% of all evaporation is from the oceans.

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