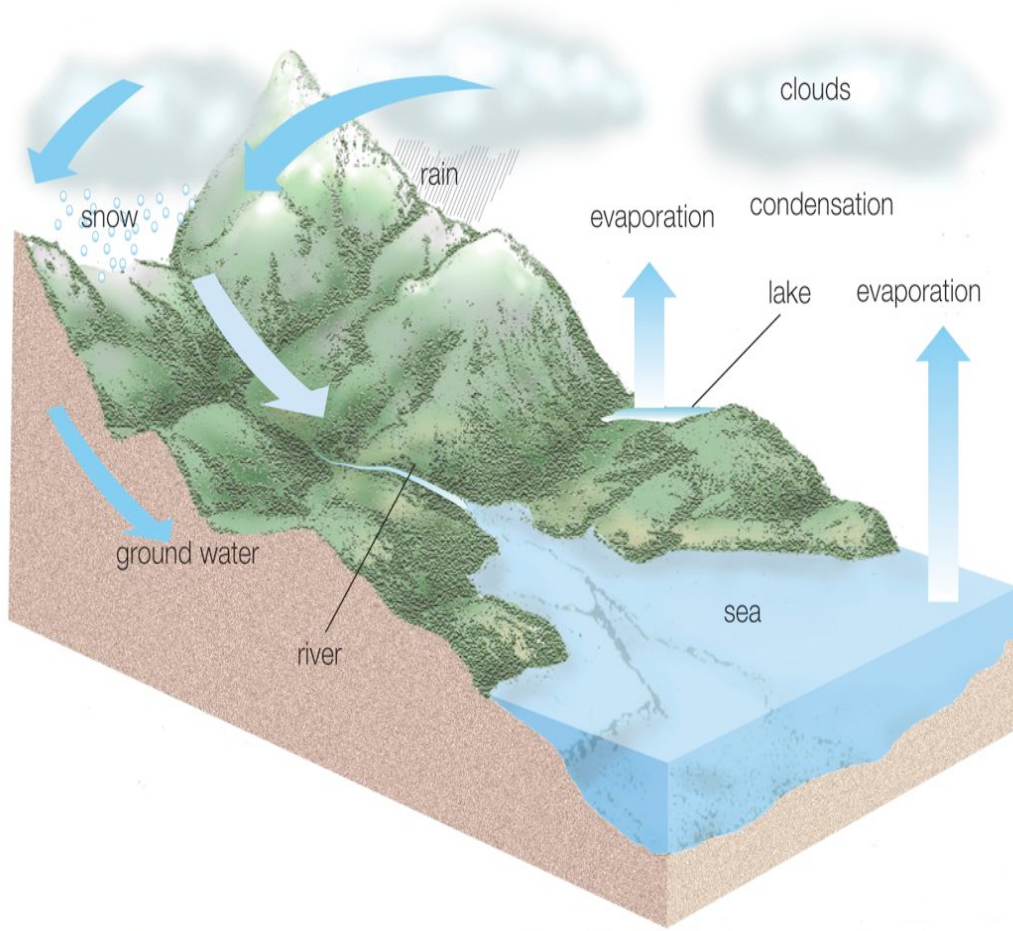


Describing a Process

The water cycle



MARKING THE STAGES IN A PROCESS

Study the diagram of the global water cycle in exercise 2 and complete the gapped description below. Use the verbs below in active or passive forms, as appropriate.

reach - fall - absorb - rise - run - cause - release - blow

The water cycle

The heat of the sun **1** water to evaporate from seas, rivers and lakes. In addition, water vapour **2** from the soil and from plants. As the water vapour then **3** into the atmosphere, it cools and condenses into clouds. The clouds **4** by winds until they **5** high ground. At this stage, the water droplets **6** back to earth as rain, hail or snow. After rain has fallen on land, it either evaporates into the air or it **7** by soils and plants. Some of it also **8** into rivers and lakes and eventually reaches the sea.

The following expressions mark stages in a process. Answer the questions.

First, Next, Then, Meanwhile, Later, During this process, Afterwards, At this stage, Subsequently, Eventually, Finally,

1 Which expressions mark stages which happen at the same time?

2 Which one marks a stage which happens after a long time?

3 Which two would **not** be used in describing a cycle like the water cycle? Why?

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