

The water cycle

All the water on the planet is constantly being recycled in the water cycle. This is important to get the water we need.

Can you write the names of the process on the diagram? The words you need are in the boxes.

Condensation	Sea	Reservoir
Collection	Water vapour	Evaporation
Precipitation	Clouds	Sun



Where does the water come from?

We collect the water from the water cycle to clean and pump to your taps. We get the water from these places:

50% from reservoirs

45% from underground

5% from rivers

Water you drink could have had dinosaurs swimming in it!

Reservoirs are man-made lakes to store rain water in. They are also homes to lots of animals and plants, and are great places to visit!

Precipitation is another word for rain, snow, sleet and hail.



Earth's water

97% of the water has got salt in it (sea water)



2% is fresh water that is locked in glaciers and ice (plants, animals and people)