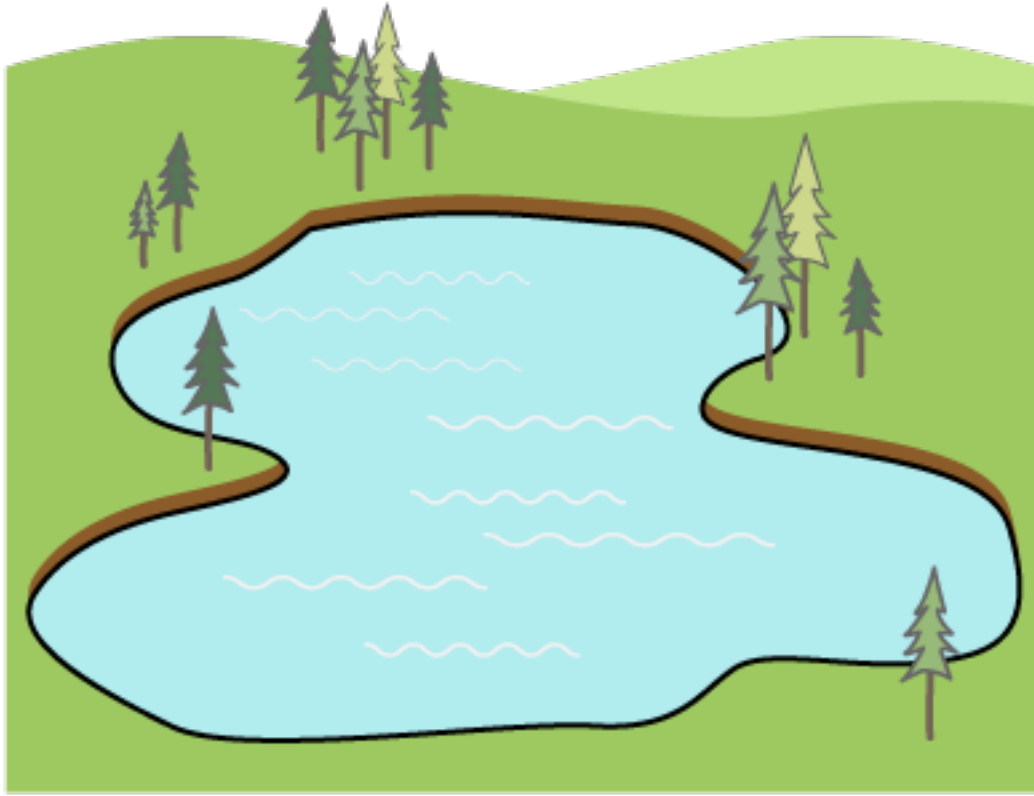
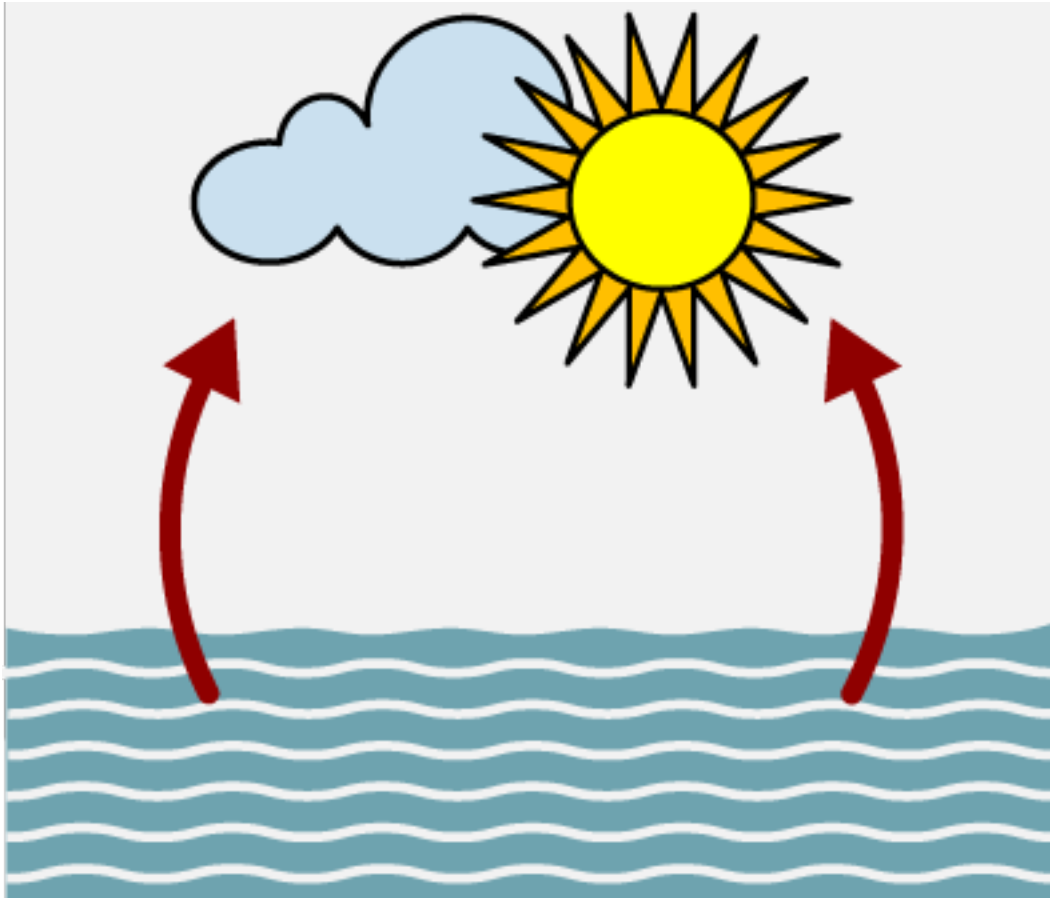


# The Water Cycle



## Accumulation

Water falls to the earth. It collects in oceans, lakes, and rivers. It also falls on the ground as puddles.



# Evaporation

The sun heats the water. The water turns into steam or vapor. The vapor goes into the air.



## Condensation

Water vapor in the air gets cold. It turns into water droplets. The droplets gather into clouds.



## Precipitation

The water droplets in the clouds get heavy. It falls from the clouds to the earth. The water droplets can be rain, snow, or hail.