

## **Water Cycle**

Water travels in an endless cycle. It evaporates from the sea, from rivers, and from the earth, and forms clouds in the sky. The water then falls as rain from the clouds, landing on the ground. Some of the rain falls on mountains or hills, where it starts a long journey back to the sea. It first flows across or through the ground until enough of it collects to form a stream. Streams are sometimes called brooks in Britain or creeks in America.

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The stream then flows downhill, getting bigger as more water flows into it. It may join with other streams and eventually become big enough to be called a river. Rivers can flow for hundreds or thousands of kilometres. The longest rivers in the world are the Nile in Africa, the Amazon in South America, the Yangtze in Asia, and the Mississippi in North America, which are all more than 6,000 kilometres long.

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Eventually, the river will flow back into the sea, where the water waits to evaporate again to form clouds and start the cycle once more.

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What does water become after it evaporates from the sea, earth, and rivers?

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What are the four longest rivers in the world?

Where do all rivers flow to?