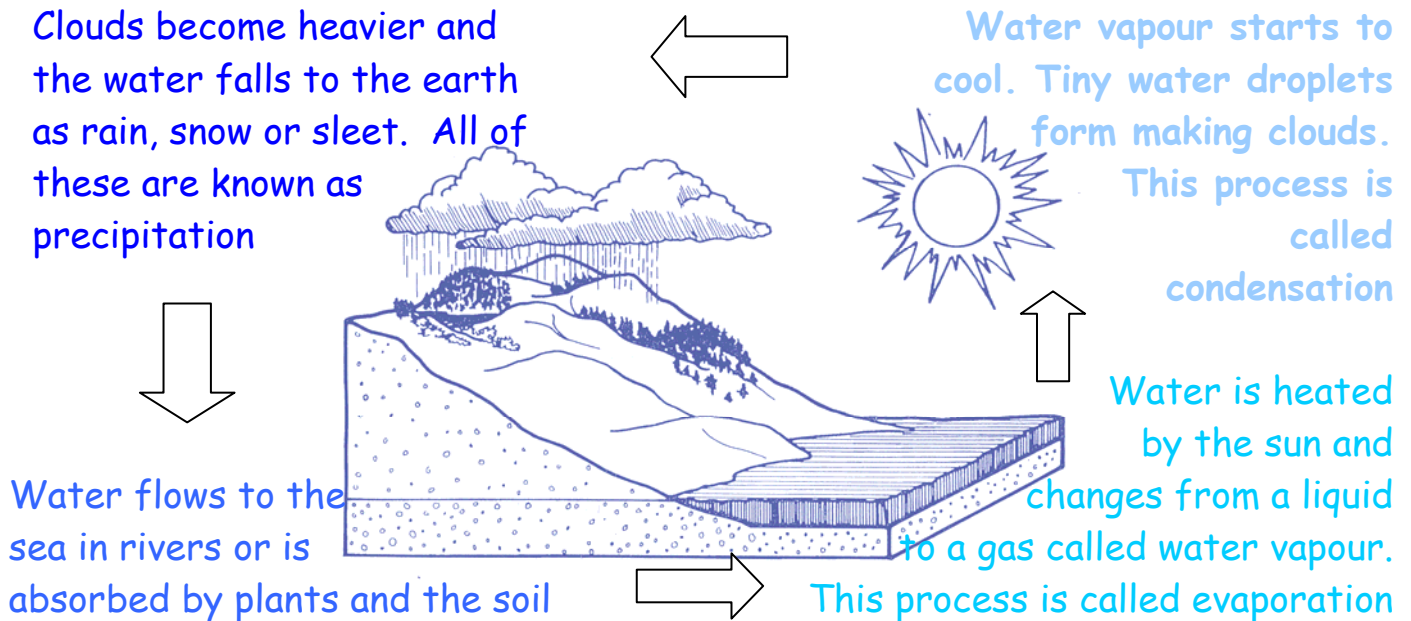


Rainforests - Life in the Rainforest

The Water Cycle



Something fishy?

Piranha are ferocious, freshwater fish, from 15 to 60cm in length and a wide range of colours. They have lots of very sharp teeth that grow back if they are broken off! They feed on other fish, birds, lizards, amphibians and rodents.

Eeelectric!!

The electric eel is a long snake-like fish that can produce a 600-volt shock. One shock is unlikely to kill a human being but repeated shocks would! Eels can grow up to 2.5m long. Their eyesight gets worse as they age and they have to go to the surface now and again to gulp air.

Towering Trees!

The Rainforest is home to the Kapok Tree, a truly giant plant that can grow up to 200 feet tall, with a trunk of up to 3 metres thick. The trees provide homes for different types of frogs, birds and plants and the wood, seeds and fibres are all useful for humans too!



Epiphytes

Epiphytes are also known as air plants. The name comes from the Greek word 'epi' meaning 'upon' and 'phyton' meaning 'plant' and most epiphytes are found on the trunks, branches and leaves of trees. Sometimes lots of different types grow on the same tree, including orchids, cacti, mosses and ferns!