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condensation

Definition: Water occurs in three states: **gas**, **liquid**, and solid. The air is full of water in its gaseous state (water vapor). **Condensation** occurs when the **gas** that rises into the atmosphere cools and turns back into **liquid**. This **liquid** is in the form of water droplets and is what clouds are made of.

HOW TO USE THESE CARDS:

Our science words expand our collection of SnapWords®. Three sets include Life Science, Earth Science, and Physical Science.

In addition to learning to recognize and read science terms fluently, the backs of the cards share a detailed definition alongside the plain words.

Study the fronts of the cards together, paying close attention to the images that will help the words go into visual memory for great recall.

Next, share the definition from the back, tying the word to related words in this set of cards wherever possible. For example, when teaching the water cycle, connect the terms with condensation, evaporation, and precipitation. Teaching words in related groups will deepen the understanding of science terms.

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precipitation

evaporation

Definition: **Precipitation** is water that comes down from the atmosphere. The water can be in a liquid or a solid state. Examples of **precipitation** include rain and snow, as well as sleet, hail, frost, or dew.

Definition: **Evaporation** happens when the sun heats the water on the surface of the Earth, changing it from a **liquid** to a **gas**. This **gas** then rises into the atmosphere. Trees also release **gas** into the atmosphere through a process called transpiration. Even though we can't see it, the air all around us is full of water in the form of **gas**, called water vapor. This is what makes our glasses fog up and what lets us see our breath on a very cold day.