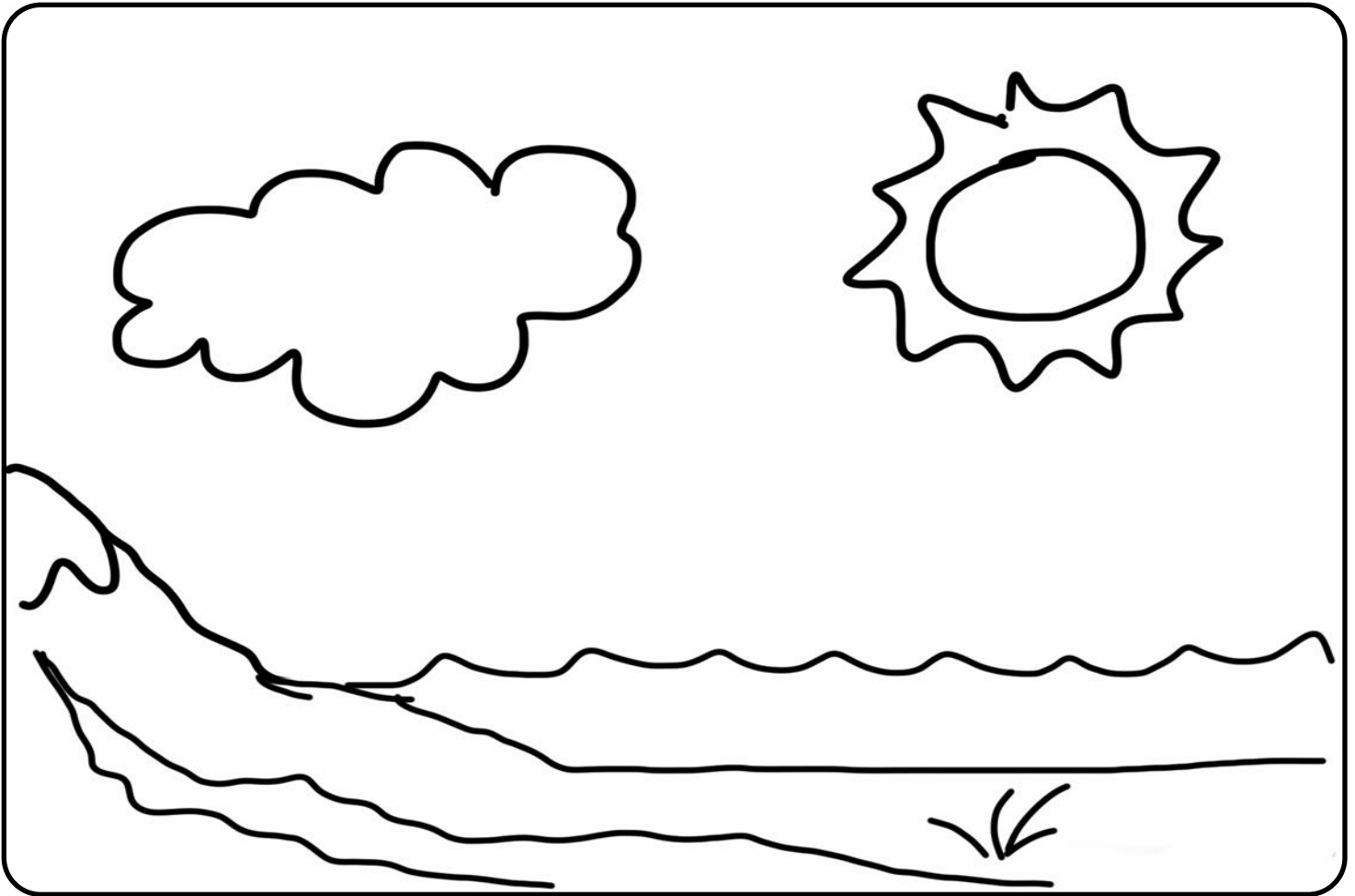


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# Water Cycle

**Directions:** Label the water cycle diagram using arrows and water cycle words.



**Evaporation:** Occurs when the sun heats up water in lakes, rivers, streams, creeks, and oceans and turns it into vapor or steam. The water vapor, or steam, leaves the body of water and travels into the air.

**Condensation:** Water vapor in the air becomes cold and changes back into a liquid. When this happens, clouds are formed.

**Precipitation:** Occurs when so much water has condensed that the air can no longer hold it. Clouds get heavy and the water falls back to the earth in the form of rain, hail, snow, or sleet.

**Collection:** When water descends back to the earth, it may fall into the lakes, rivers, creeks, streams, or oceans. Some of it ends up on land and is then soaked into the earth becoming part of the ground water. Some may travel over rocks and soil towards larger bodies of water.