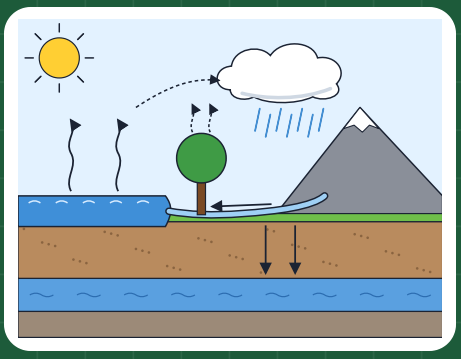
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The Water Cycle

Color + black-and-white + separate answer key



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- A separate answer key, in color and in black and white
- A teacher page with full source citations
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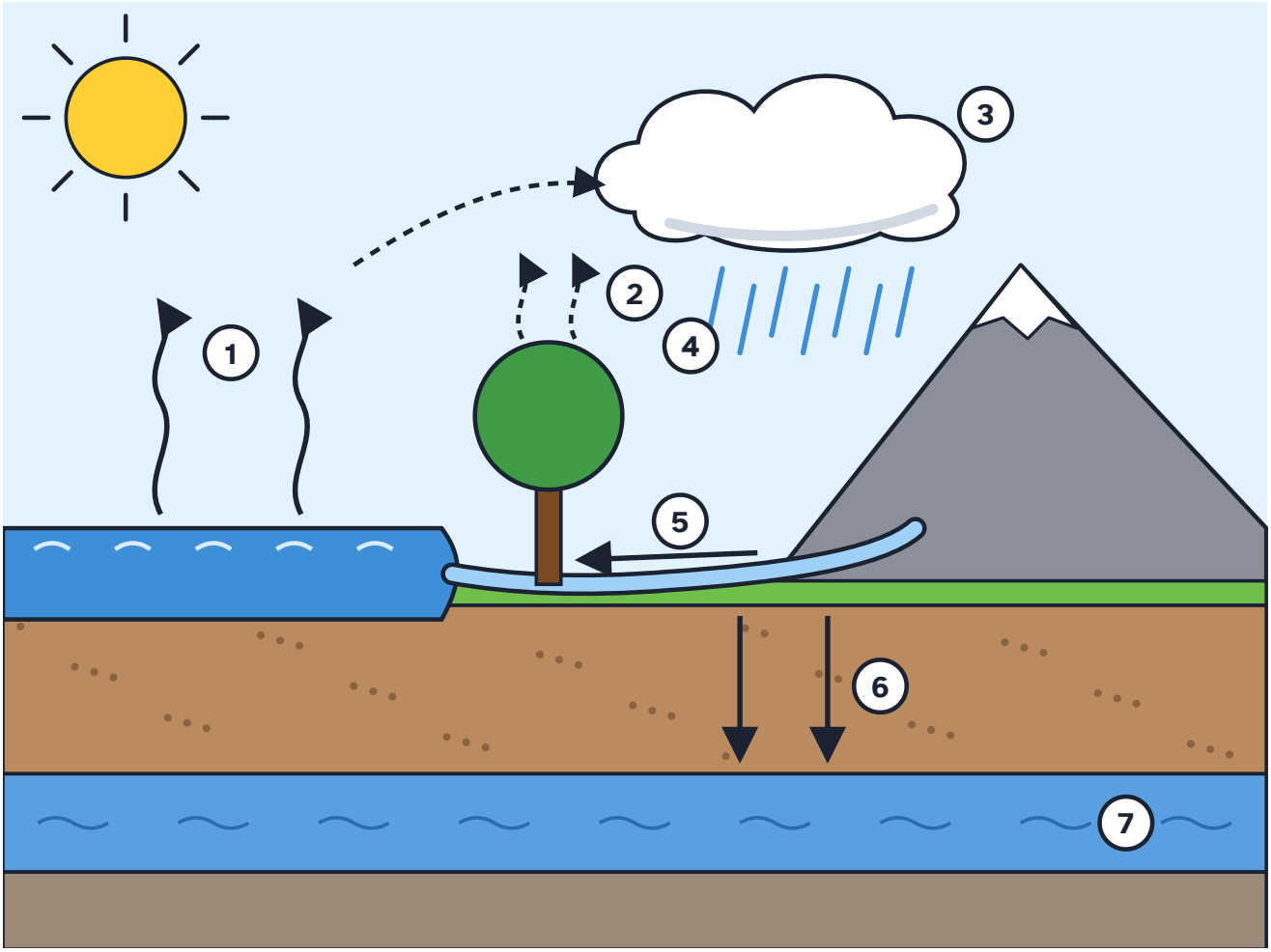
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Write the name of each numbered part of the water cycle. Use the word bank.



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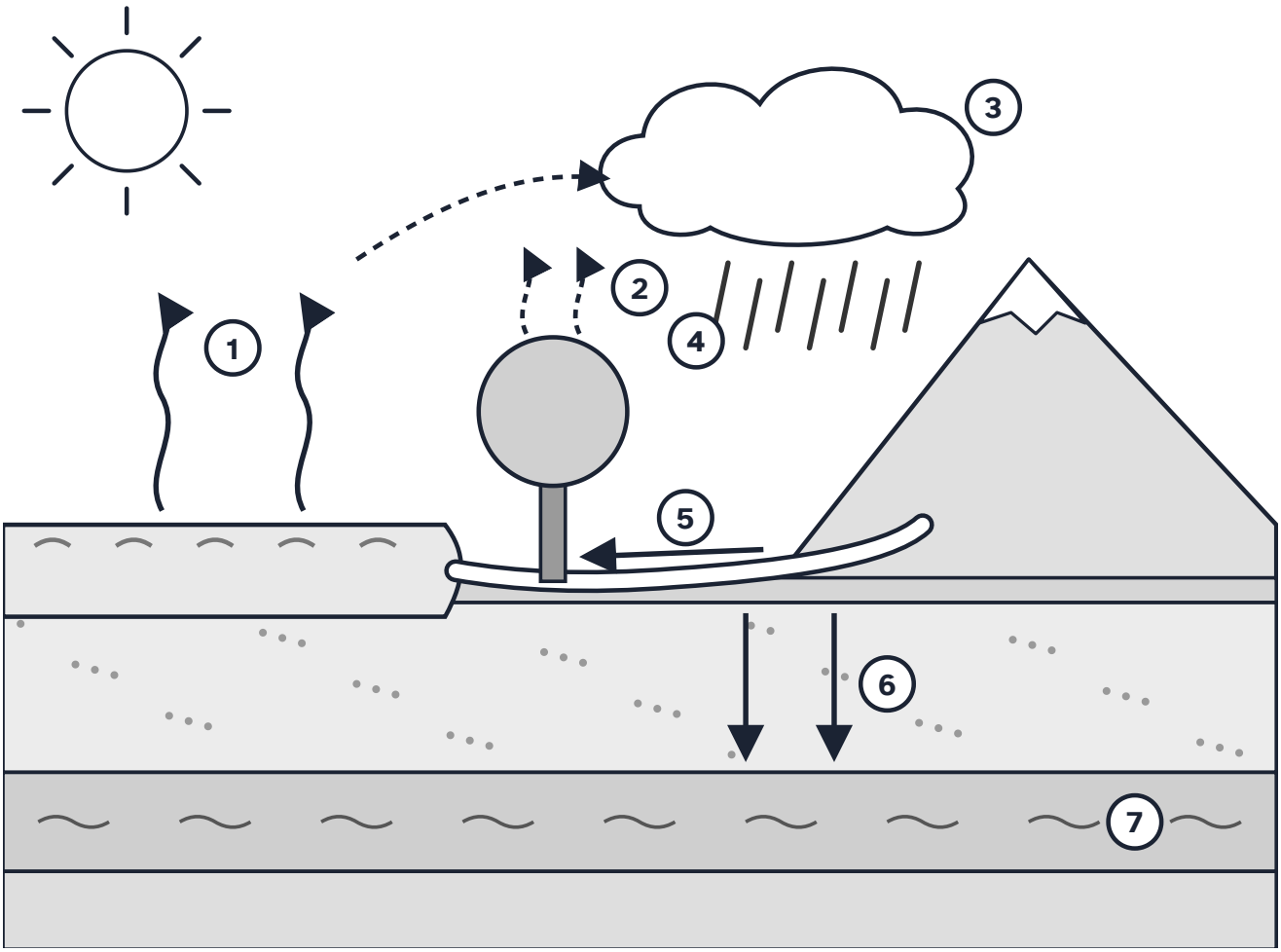
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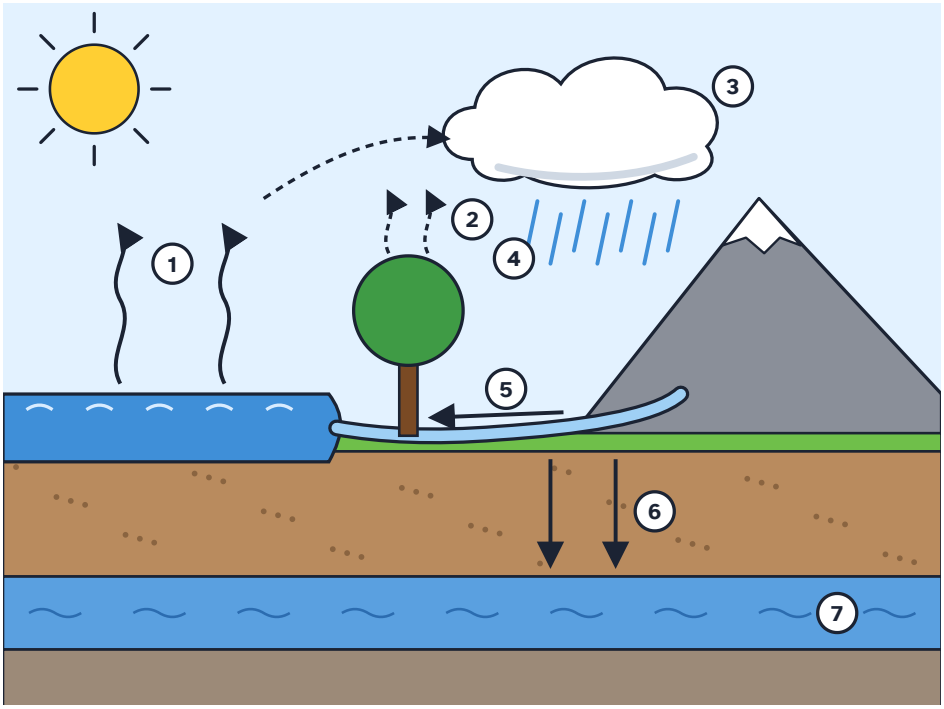
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Answer Key · The Water Cycle COLOR

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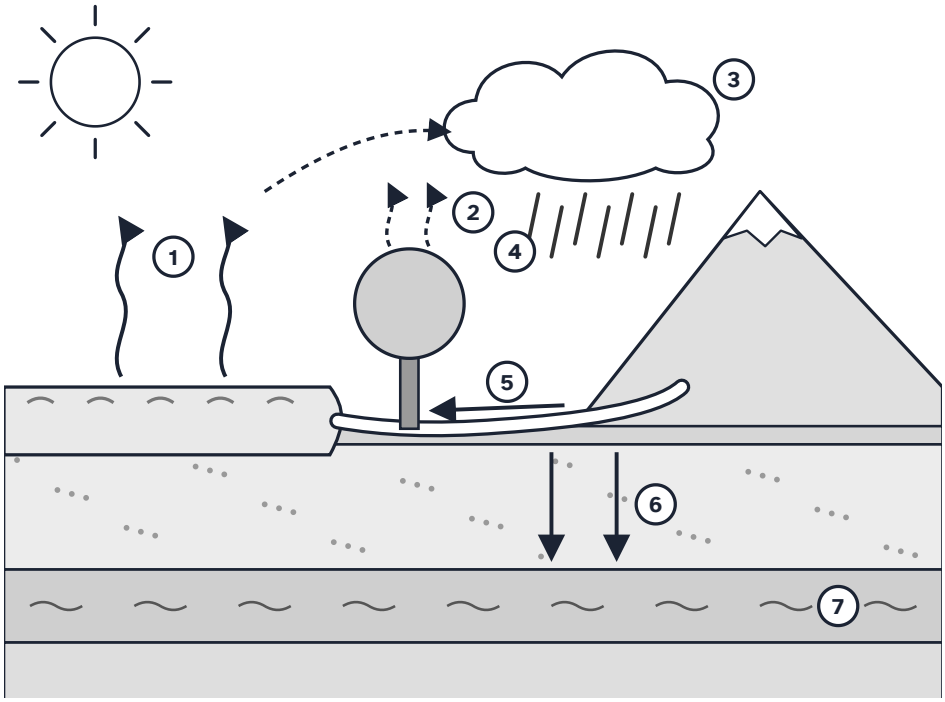
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Sources. Facts: NOAA. Full citations are on the teacher page.

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Fact sources

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