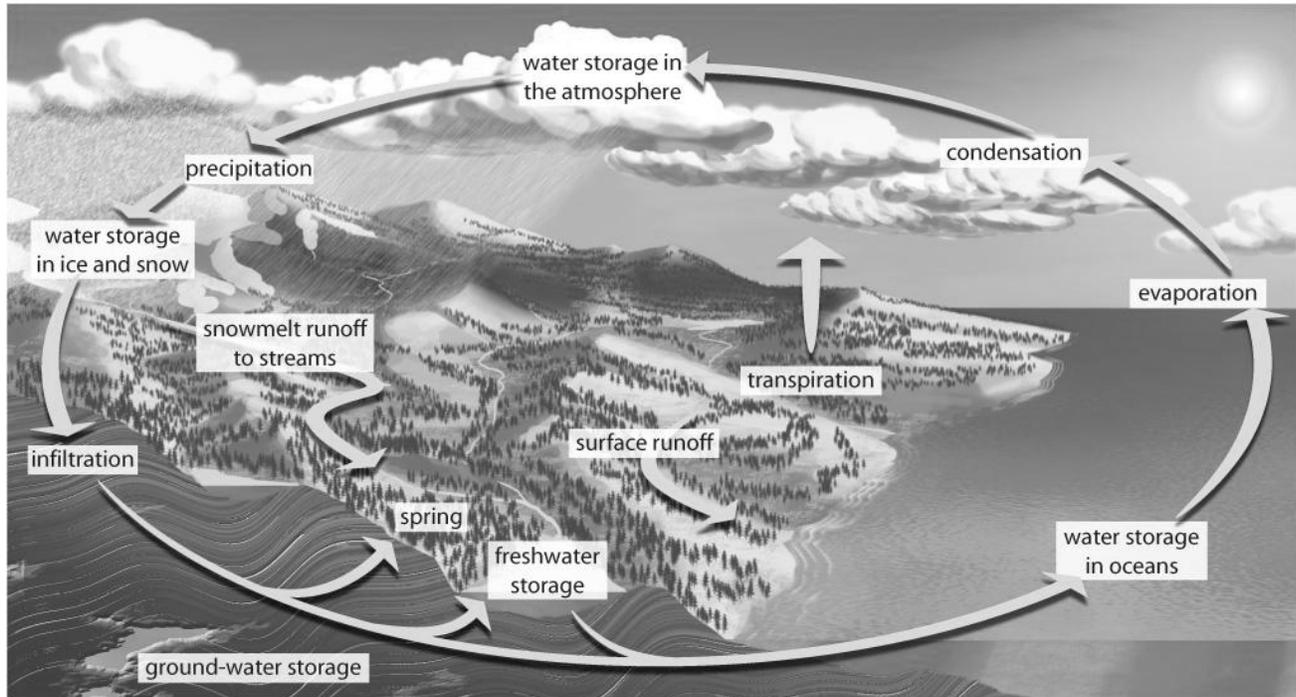


The Hydrologic Cycle Activity Answer Key

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2. Water is stored in the atmosphere in all three phases. When water vapour condenses, water falls as precipitation in the form of rain or snow. This precipitation may be stored as ice or snow, infiltrate the ground to be stored as ground water, or enter fresh and saltwater bodies. Water stored as ice or snow eventually melts and runs off into ground water or surface water bodies. Plants take up water from the soil and return it to the atmosphere via transpiration. (Animals also take up water and lose it to the atmosphere.) Water evaporates from the soil, oceans, and other bodies of water. Following these various pathways, water returns to the atmosphere for storage, completing the cycle.