

Did you know?

There are 7 continents and 5 oceans.

An ocean is a large, continuous body of saltwater that covers a significant portion of the Earth's surface.

Oceans are the major component of the planet's hydrosphere and there are five recognised oceans on Earth.

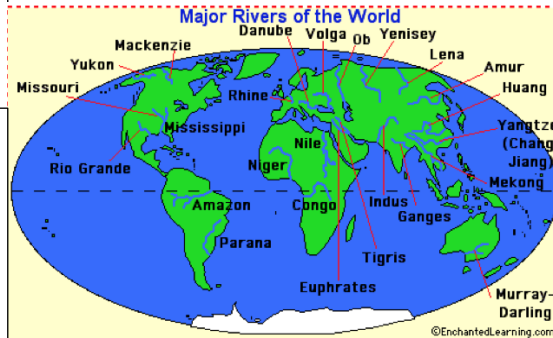
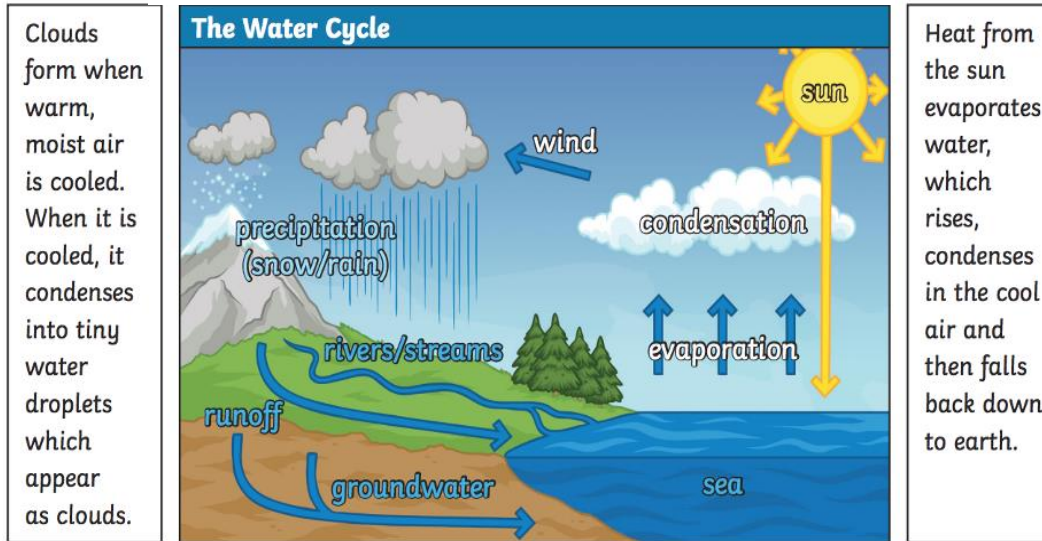
Oceans play a crucial role in regulating the Earth's

Rivers

On the Wirral Peninsula, the main rivers are the River Mersey and the River Dee.

A river receives water from a wide area. Rivers form on high ground at the source and it changes as it journeys to the sea. When a river reaches the sea, it enters the sea via the river mouth. There are upper, middle and lower courses of a river and each section has its own unique features.

Diagrams



Journey of a River



Learning Enquiries

- Can you name the 5 oceans?
- Where does water come from?
- What is the difference between a sea and an ocean?
- What are the main features of a river?
- What rivers can be found on the Wirral? Think of the 'team points' that you are awarded.
- Which major river do these smaller Wirral rivers flow into?

Vocabulary Dozen

Evaporation	When a liquid changes into a gas or water vapour.
Condensation	When a gas cools and changes to a liquid
Precipitation	When water droplets fall to the ground in the form of rain, hail, sleet or snow.
Source	Where a river begins its journey
Channel	The path of a river
Mouth	Where a river enters the sea
Confluence	Where two rivers meet
Meander	A winding bend in the river
Ocean	A large, continuous body of saltwater that covers a significant portion of the Earth's surface.
Water cycle	The journey of water on the Earth
Estuary	The last section of the river before it meets the sea
Tributary	A small river or stream that meets a large river



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