![C:\Users\kpotter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6Q895QL1\MC900293224[1].wmf]()The Water Cycle, a Quick Summary

Go to the following website, <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/watercyclehi.html> to answer the questions.

1. What is the water cycle?
2. Where did all the water come from?
3. Is the amount of water on earth constant, increasing, decreasing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explain.
4. Look at the table “One estimate of global water distribution”.
	1. What percent of *total water* is saline (salty)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	2. Where is greatest amount of fresh water stored (68.7%)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	3. What percent of *fresh water* is stored underground? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	4. Most of the world gets their water from rivers and lakes. What percent of *total water* is found in these 2 combined? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Define the terms that describe the water cycle.
	1. Precipitation
	2. Infiltration
	3. Aquifer
	4. Groundwater discharge
	5. Springs
	6. Evaporation
	7. Condensation
	8. Evapotranspiration
	9. Surface runoff
	10. Sublimation