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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