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## Chapter

# A Journey through States of Water

We'll cover the following key points:

- The Science of Water
- Evaporation and Its Role in Nature
- Transformation of Water States



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Fundamental concept in previous class.

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- Importance of Clean Water

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## Learning Outcomes

**By the end of this chapter, students will be able to:**

- Understand the three primary states of water and their characteristics.
- Identify the factors that influence the rate of evaporation in different scenarios.
- Comprehend how evaporation plays a role in cooling mechanisms.
- Explore the formation of clouds and learn about the water cycle's role in providing rainfall.
- Appreciate the value of water conservation and discover practical ways to save water in daily life

## Guidelines for Teachers

Teachers can introduce the importance of water in sustaining life and explain its states—solid, liquid, and gas—with real-life examples. They should cover processes like melting, freezing, evaporation, and condensation, highlighting factors like temperature and humidity. Using visual aids, examples, and hands-on activities can simplify concepts, making lessons engaging and relatable.

## NCF Curricular Goals and Competencies

**This chapter addresses the following curricular goals and skills:**

**CG-1 (C 1.2):** Explores the properties and behaviors of matter, focusing on its different states and transformations.

**CG-6 (C 6.2):** Examines scientific phenomena, including the water cycle, while fostering scientific thinking and inquiry-based learning to develop critical understanding.

## Introduction:

Water, an essential component of life, exists in three primary states: solid, liquid, and gas. This journey between states is driven by changes in temperature and pressure, showcasing the fascinating dynamics of matter. In its solid form as ice, water provides stability in polar regions. As a liquid, it sustains life through rivers, lakes, and oceans. In its gaseous state as vapor, it contributes to the water cycle, forming clouds and returning to Earth as rain. Processes like melting, freezing, evaporation, and condensation demonstrate the constant transformation of water in nature. This cycle not only maintains ecological balance but also inspires innovations in science and daily life.

## In History...

Water is believed to have been present on Earth since its early formation, around 4.8 billion years ago. During the planet's initial stages, Earth was extremely hot, and water existed primarily in its gaseous form. As the surface began to cool about 3.8 billion years ago, the water vapor condensed into liquid form, resulting in rainfall. This rain accumulated and eventually formed the oceans, covering much of the planet's surface. Earth's atmosphere, which originally lacked water, became enriched with it as the planet cooled. The presence of water was crucial in shaping Earth's geology and climate. Oceans formed the foundation for the development of early life. The cooling process also allowed for the stabilization of temperatures, making Earth more conducive to life.

## The Science of Water

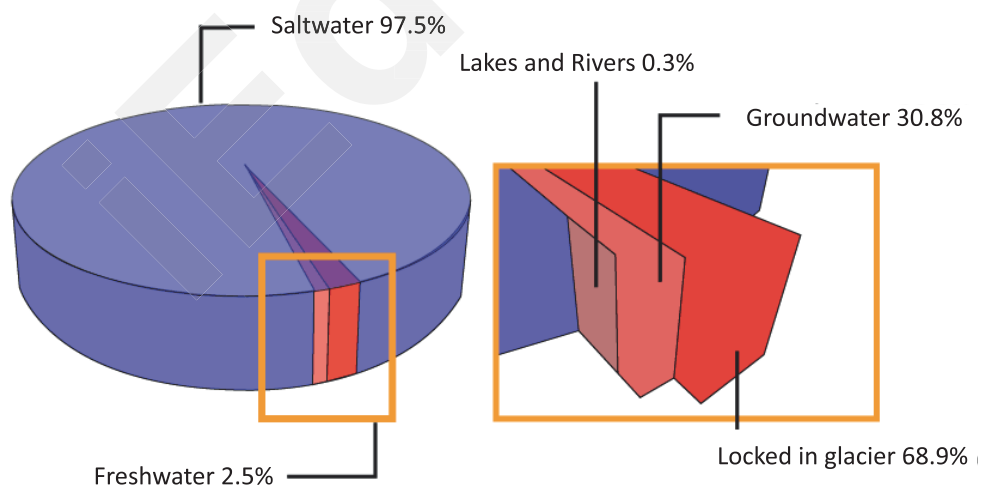
Maya and her elder brother, Arjun, are in the kitchen. Maya notices droplets on the outside of a bottle taken out of the fridge.



Water is vital for all living organisms, including humans, as it supports essential daily activities like drinking, cooking, and cleaning. It is one of the most abundant and **indispensable compounds** on Earth. At room temperature, water is a tasteless and odorless liquid capable of dissolving a wide variety of substances, making it a **universal solvent**.

Approximately 97.5% of the Earth's water is found in oceans, which cover about 70% of the planet's surface. However, this vast quantity of water is saline and unsuitable for human use. Freshwater accounts for only 2.5% of the total water on Earth, with 68.9% of it stored in ice caps, 30.8% as groundwater, and merely 0.3% in lakes and rivers. This scarcity of accessible freshwater highlights the critical need for conserving water to ensure its availability for future generations.

Water Distribution on Earth	Percentage	Details
Total water in oceans	97.5%	Covers 70% of Earth's surface; saline
<b>Freshwater</b> Stored in ice caps Stored as groundwater Stored in lakes and rivers	2.5%	Suitable for human use; limited supply
	68.9%	Largest freshwater reserve
	30.8%	Underground water
	0.3%	Easily accessible freshwater



## KEYWORDS

**Indispensable Compounds:** These substances are essential for life, such as water, oxygen, and nutrients. They play a key role in supporting all living things.

**Universal Solvent:** The universal solvent is water because it can dissolve many substances, making it vital for chemical reactions and life processes.

## States of Water

All substances, including water, are made up of molecules. The way these molecules are arranged and held together determines their state of matter. Water exists in three states: solid, liquid, and gas. These states differ due to the unique arrangement of molecules in each state.

In all states of water, there is a space between the molecules, referred to as intermolecular or interparticle space. Additionally, molecules exert an attraction toward each other, called intermolecular force of attraction. The cohesive force, a specific type of intermolecular attraction, refers to the force of attraction between particles of the same kind. The balance between intermolecular force of attraction and intermolecular space plays a crucial role in determining the state of matter.

The states of water, classified based on molecular arrangement, are solid, liquid, and gas, each with distinct properties arising from the organization of molecules.

### Solid (Ice)

- In the solid state, water appears as ice or frost. When water cools and solidifies, it takes on this form.
- This occurs when water is exposed to low temperatures.
- The molecules in ice are tightly arranged in a fixed structure.
- Ice has a defined shape and fixed volume.



### Liquid (Water)

- In the liquid state, water flows freely and exists as a fluid.
- This state occurs under normal conditions, such as room temperature.
- The molecules in liquid water are loosely packed, allowing them to move around.
- However, it retains a fixed volume and can flow or spread easily.



### Gas (Water Vapor)

- In the gaseous state, water exists as steam or water vapor.
- This transformation happens when water boils or evaporates.
- The molecules in water vapor are widely spaced, allowing them to move freely.
- Water vapor has neither a fixed shape nor a fixed volume.



### KEYWORDS

**Interparticle space:** It is the empty space between particles in a substance. It allows particles to move or be packed closely, depending on the state of matter (solid, liquid, or gas).



State of Water	Description	Shape	Volume	Molecular Arrangement
Solid (Ice)	Exists as ice or snow when water cools.	Fixed shape	Fixed volume	Closely packed, minimal movement
Liquid (Water)	Free-flowing liquid at room temperature.	Takes container's shape	Fixed volume	Loosely packed, moderate movement
Gas (Water Vapour)	Exists as water vapor or steam when water boils.	No fixed shape	No fixed volume	Far apart, rapid movement

## Let's recall what we know

### Apply Concept in Context

Apply

List some activities from your surroundings that involve the three states of water.

**Skills Covered:** , Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking, Observation

### Examine Further

Analyse

- Suppose you see dew on the grass early in the morning. Explain how it is formed and the process behind it.
- Can water change its state without any heat source? Explain with examples.

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking

### Self-Assessment Questions

Evaluate

- Explain the role of water in maintaining life on Earth.
- How do solid and liquid states of water differ in terms of shape and volume?
- What happens to the molecular arrangement of water when it changes into a gaseous state?

**Skills Covered:** Analytical thinking, Concept clarity, Observation

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## Evaporation and Its Role in Nature

Ravi and his younger sister, Neha, are sitting in the garden. Neha notices that the water in a small bowl left outside has disappeared.



Evaporation is the process by which a liquid changes into a gas, typically at the surface of the liquid. It occurs when molecules gain enough energy to overcome intermolecular forces and escape into the air as vapor. This process plays a vital role in nature, such as in the water cycle, where it helps form clouds and regulates temperature. Evaporation is also used in everyday activities like drying clothes and cooling drinks.

### Several factors influence the speed of evaporation, including:

- The surface area of the liquid exposed to air
- The surrounding temperature
- The presence of wind or air movement
- The level of humidity in the atmosphere

### Cooling Effect

The cooling effect is a natural phenomenon that occurs when evaporation absorbs heat, leading to a reduction in temperature. A traditional example is the matka (clay pot), often found in villages. Unlike stainless steel containers, water stored in a matka remains cooler due to its porous surface. Water seeps through the pores of the clay and evaporates, absorbing heat from the surroundings and cooling the water inside the pot. This natural cooling system has been used for centuries in rural areas to keep drinking water cool without the need for refrigeration.

Another example of the cooling effect can be observed with hand sanitizers. When sanitizer is applied to the skin, the alcohol present in it evaporates quickly, drawing heat away from the skin and creating a cooling sensation. This principle is an everyday demonstration of how evaporation contributes to temperature reduction.

## Factors Affecting the Rate of Evaporation

Factor	Effect on Evaporation	Explanation/Examples
Surface Area	Larger surface area = Faster evaporation	More molecules are exposed to air, increasing the chance of escape as vapor.
		Example: Water on a flat plate evaporates faster than water in a small bottle cap.
Temperature	Higher temperature = Faster evaporation	Increased temperature provides energy to molecules, helping them overcome intermolecular forces.
		Example: Water evaporates faster under the sun compared to shade; clothes dry quickly on hot, sunny days.
Wind	Stronger wind = Faster evaporation	Wind removes water vapor from the liquid's surface, preventing saturation and allowing continuous evaporation.
		Example: Clothes dry faster on a windy day compared to a calm day.
Humidity	Higher humidity = Slower evaporation	Air saturated with water vapor has less capacity to hold more, reducing the evaporation rate.
		Example: Clothes take longer to dry on rainy days due to higher humidity in the atmosphere.

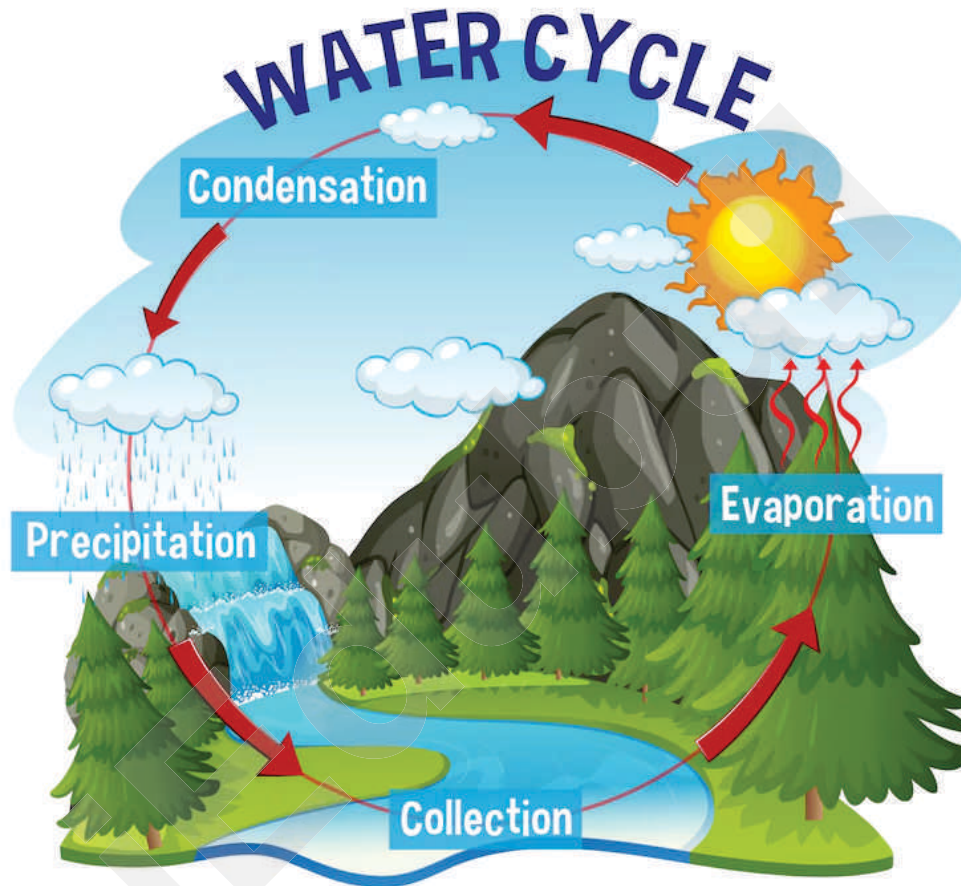
## How Do Clouds Give Us Rain?

The formation of rain is directly linked to the process of condensation, which is critical for returning water vapor back to the Earth's surface. This process begins when warm, moist air rises and cools as it moves to higher altitudes. As the air cools, it reaches a point where it can no longer hold water vapor, causing the vapor to condense into tiny water droplets. These droplets often form around dust particles, creating the clouds that float in the sky.

As more droplets merge, they form larger and heavier water droplets. When these droplets grow large enough, they overcome the upward air currents and fall to the ground as precipitation. Depending on atmospheric conditions, precipitation can occur as rain, hail, or snow.

## The Water Cycle

The water cycle is a continuous process that connects the Earth's air, clouds, oceans, lakes, plants, animals, and glaciers. This cycle ensures the movement and balance of water throughout the planet. The water cycle involves several key steps:



### Evaporation:

The sun's heat converts water from oceans, rivers, and lakes into water vapor. This vapor rises into the atmosphere, initiating the cycle.

### Transpiration:

Plants play a role in the water cycle by releasing water vapor through their leaves, a process known as transpiration. This contributes significantly to the amount of moisture in the atmosphere.

### Condensation:

As warm air carrying water vapor rises to higher altitudes, it cools. The cooler air cannot hold as much moisture, leading to the condensation of water vapor into tiny droplets, which form clouds.

## Precipitation:

Clouds form when condensed droplets combine and grow in size. Once these droplets become heavy enough, they fall to the Earth as rain, hail, or snow, depending on temperature and other atmospheric conditions. Precipitation is vital for replenishing freshwater on land.

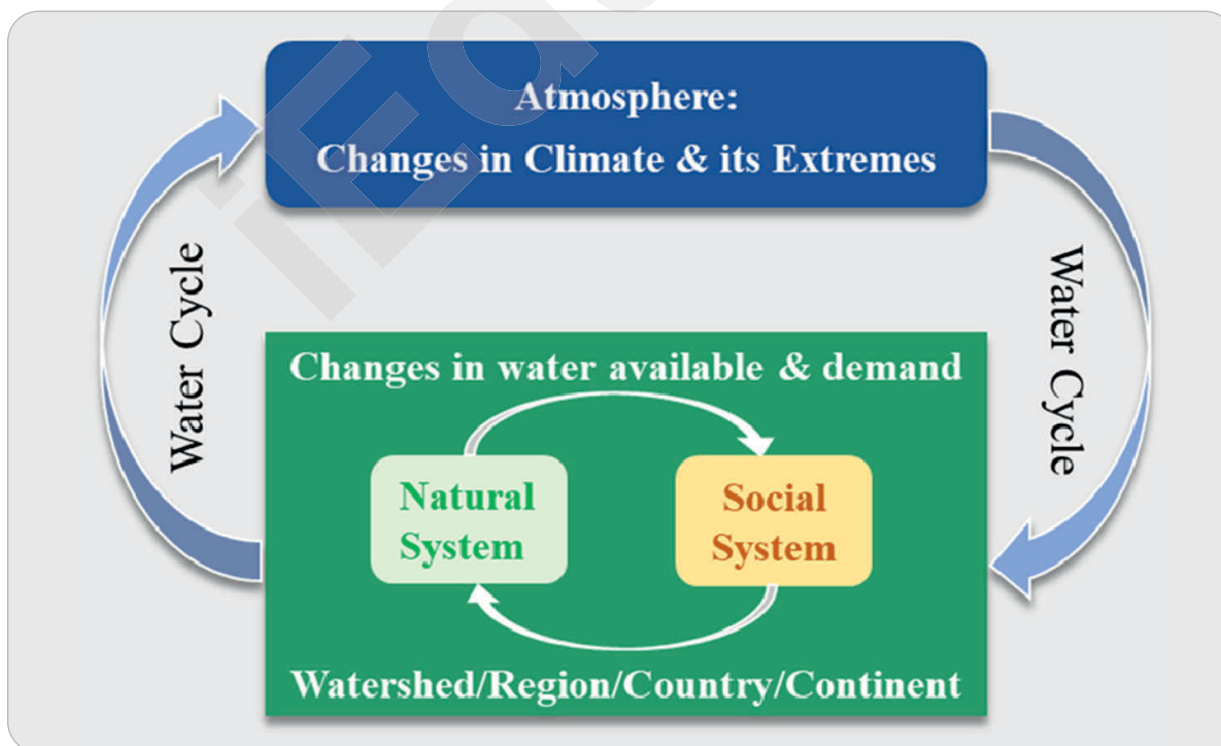
## Runoff:

Rainfall and melting snow create runoff, where water travels across the Earth's surface, filling rivers, lakes, and eventually returning to oceans. This process completes the cycle and ensures the redistribution of water.

### The Importance of the Water Cycle

The water cycle is essential for maintaining the balance of water between the atmosphere and Earth's water bodies. It plays a crucial role in shaping weather patterns and sustaining life. However, only a small fraction of the Earth's water is accessible and usable for humans, animals, and plants, as most of it is locked in oceans and glaciers.

With a growing global population, the demand for water has risen significantly, leading to the depletion of water resources. Many regions face water shortages due to overuse and mismanagement. Therefore, it is imperative to use water responsibly and conserve it for future generations. Simple practices like fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, and practicing rainwater harvesting can help mitigate water scarcity. Conservation efforts are critical to ensuring the availability of water for all living beings and maintaining ecological balance.





## Let's recall what we know

### Apply Concept in Context

Apply

- Why do puddles of water on roads evaporate faster on windy days compared to calm days?
- Explain how cooling in an earthen pot (matka) is an example of evaporation in action.

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking, Research

### Examine Further

Analyse

- What will happen if oil is kept in an open container under sunlight? Will its evaporation rate be the same as that of water? Why or why not?
- Before air conditioning, how did people in hot regions cool their homes or workplaces naturally?
- Identify three ways in which we unintentionally waste water due to evaporation. Suggest simple steps to minimize this loss.

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking, Research, Problem-solving, Ethics

### Self-Assessment Questions

Evaluate

- How would you define the process of evaporation in simple terms?
- What are the environmental factors that can increase or decrease the rate of evaporation?
- Explain how evaporation plays a crucial role in the water cycle.
- Why is evaporation faster from the surface of a lake during the daytime?

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Analytical thinking, Applicative thinking

### Creative Insight

Create

**Task:** Design a poster on the topic: "Evaporation in Daily Life." Use diagrams and examples to show how evaporation affects our lives, such as drying clothes, cooling, and the water cycle. Present your poster in the class.

**Skills Covered:** Creativity, Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Analytical thinking, Digital-age literacy

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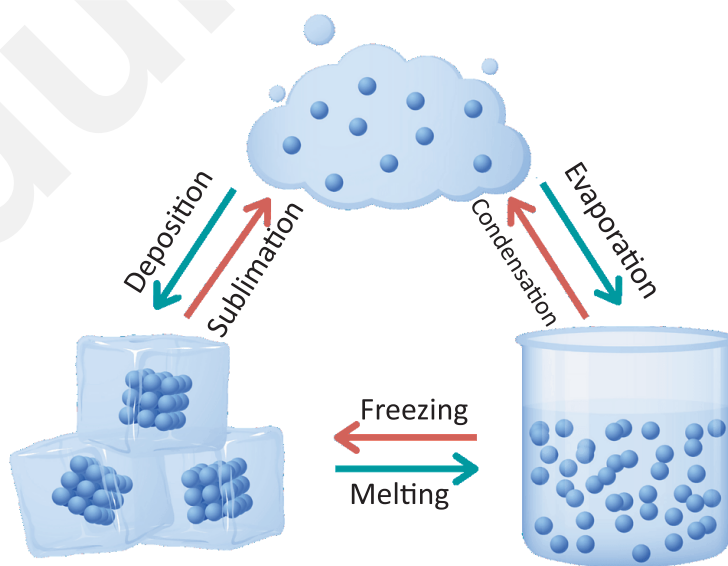
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## Transformation of Water States

Ravi and his younger sister, Aanya, are boiling water in the kitchen. Aanya notices steam rising from the pot and droplets forming on the lid.



Water can transition between its three states—solid, liquid, and gas—by adding or removing heat energy. When heat is applied, the molecules in water move more rapidly, **breaking free** from their bonds and causing a change in state, such as ice melting into water or water evaporating into vapor. Conversely, removing heat slows down **molecular movement**, leading to condensation or freezing. This process demonstrates that the three states of matter are interconvertible through the application or removal of heat.



### KEYWORDS

**Molecular Movement:** Molecules are always in motion, moving and bumping into each other, which helps them spread and mix with other molecules.

**Breaking Free:** Molecules can break free from their bonds when they gain enough energy, like when ice melts into water or water turns into steam.

## Melting

Melting is the process by which a solid changes into its liquid state upon absorbing heat energy. When ice is kept at room temperature, it absorbs heat from its surroundings. This added energy increases the movement of the molecules, causing them to vibrate more rapidly. As the molecules continue to gain energy, they reach a point where the heat overcomes the intermolecular forces holding them together.

At this stage, the tightly packed structure of the solid breaks apart, and the molecules start to move more freely. The ice transforms into liquid water, marking the completion of the melting process. Melting demonstrates how energy can alter the state of matter by reducing the intermolecular forces. It is a natural phenomenon essential in various processes, from the water cycle to everyday life activities.



## Freezing or Solidification



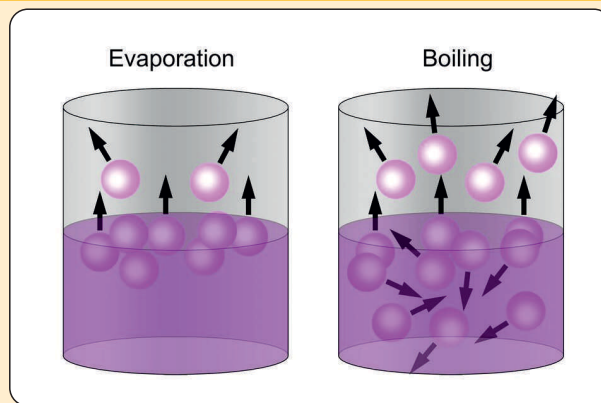
Freezing, also known as solidification, is the process by which a liquid turns into a solid when its temperature is lowered. When water is placed in a freezer, it gradually loses heat. This loss of heat reduces the energy of water molecules, causing them to move more slowly. As the molecular movement slows down, the molecules come closer together and start forming rigid bonds. Eventually, their movement becomes so restricted that water transitions into ice, forming a solid structure. This entire process occurs because the freezing point is reached, where water no longer remains a liquid. Solidification is a natural phenomenon observed in many substances and is an important part of the water cycle, as it forms ice in polar regions and during winter.

## Vaporisation

Vaporisation is the process by which a liquid transforms into its gaseous or vapor state. This process can occur in two distinct ways: **evaporation and boiling**.

### Evaporation:

Evaporation is a gradual process that occurs at all temperatures. It happens when molecules at the surface of a liquid absorb heat energy from their surroundings, enabling them to escape into the air as vapor. For example, when water absorbs heat from its environment, it transforms into water vapor or steam. This is why clothes dry in the open air, even without boiling temperatures.



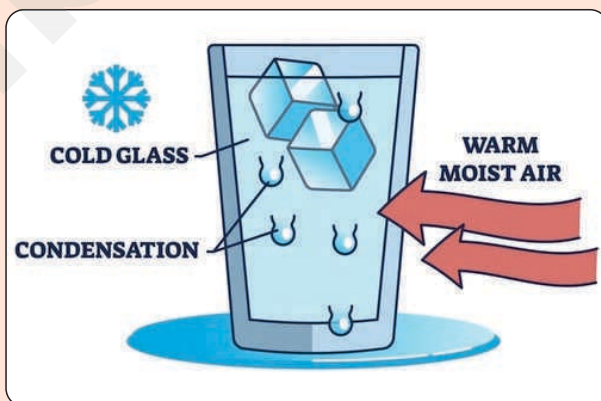
### Boiling:

Boiling is a more rapid process that occurs when a liquid is heated to its boiling point. At this stage, the molecules gain enough heat energy to overcome **intermolecular forces** and move farther apart. Once the temperature reaches a critical level, the liquid molecules leave the surface and turn into vapor or steam. This transformation of a liquid into its gaseous state at a specific temperature is known as boiling.

Both evaporation and boiling highlight the fascinating ability of liquids to change states when sufficient heat energy is applied.

### Condensation

Condensation is the process through which a gas turns into a liquid when it is cooled. As the gas cools, its molecules lose energy and begin to move more slowly. Over time, the reduced energy and movement bring the molecules closer together, allowing them to transition into a liquid state. This natural process is vital in phenomena like cloud formation, dew, and the cooling of steam into water. Condensation plays a key role in the water cycle and various industrial applications.



When you place ice in a glass of juice, you may notice tiny droplets of water forming on the outer surface of the glass. This occurs because the cold surface of the glass cools the surrounding air, causing the water vapor present in the air to condense into liquid droplets. This process is known as condensation. The amount of water vapor present in the air is referred to as humidity. Higher humidity means more water vapor in the air, making condensation more likely when the air comes into contact with cooler surfaces.

### KEYWORDS

**Intermolecular forces:** These are the forces of attraction or repulsion between molecules that keep them close together. These forces are weaker than the forces holding atoms together in a molecule.

## Let's recall what we know

### Apply Concept in Context

Apply

- What will happen if you leave a wet cloth outside on a windy day?
- Identify three activities in your daily life where you observe condensation.

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking, Observation

### Examine Further

Analyse

- Have you noticed water droplets forming on the inside of a car window during winter? Explain the reason.
- Why do ice cubes shrink if left uncovered in the freezer for a long time?
- Explain why the bathroom mirror fogs up after a hot shower and how it clears.

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking, Research

### Self-Assessment Questions

Evaluate

- Explain how temperature affects the process of evaporation.
- What happens when steam touches a cold surface?
- Describe the process by which a liquid turns into a gas.
- Explain the processes of water states:

**A: Evaporation**

**B: Condensation**

**C: Boiling**

**Skills Covered:** Analytical thinking, Concept clarity, Observation

### Creative Insight

Create

Explain why condensation forms on a cold soda can taken out of the refrigerator. Perform the following activity to justify your answer:

- Take a can of cold soda and place it on a table.
- Observe the surface of the can after 1 minute and record any changes.
- Repeat the observation every 2 minutes for the next 10 minutes. Write your observations in a tabular format and conclude why this happens.

**Skills Covered:** Critical and logical thinking, Brainstorming, Applicative thinking, Analytical thinking, Observation

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## SUMMARY



Water, a vital component of life, exists in three primary states: solid, liquid, and gas. These states depend on temperature and pressure changes, showcasing the dynamic nature of water. Water's ability to transform between states plays a crucial role in natural processes like the water cycle, maintaining ecological balance, and supporting life. This chapter explores the science of water, evaporation, and the transformation between its states.

### The Science of Water

Water is indispensable for daily activities like drinking, cooking, and cleaning. It is a universal solvent due to its ability to dissolve a wide range of substances. However, 97.5% of Earth's water is saline, leaving only 2.5% as freshwater, most of which is locked in ice caps and underground reservoirs.

#### States of Water

Water's states—solid, liquid, and gas—are determined by molecular arrangement, intermolecular forces, and space.

##### Solid (Ice):

- Molecules are tightly packed, giving ice a fixed shape and volume.
- Ice cannot flow or spread.

##### Liquid (Water):

- Molecules are loosely packed, allowing water to flow freely.
- Takes the shape of its container but retains a fixed volume.

##### Gas (Water Vapor):

- Molecules are widely spaced and move freely.
- No fixed shape or volume; spreads to fill available space.

### Cooling Effect

Evaporation absorbs heat, causing a cooling effect. Examples include:

**Matka (Clay Pot):** Water evaporates through the clay, cooling the contents.

**Hand Sanitizers:** Alcohol evaporates quickly, cooling the skin.

### The Water Cycle

The water cycle illustrates the continuous movement of water between Earth's surface and the atmosphere.

#### Steps Involved:

**Evaporation:** Sun's heat converts water into vapor.

**Transpiration:** Plants release water vapor into the air.

### Transformation of Water States

Water transitions between states through the application or removal of heat:

**Melting:** Solid turns into liquid when heat breaks intermolecular forces. Example: Ice melting into water.

**Freezing:** Liquid turns into solid as molecular movement slows due to cooling. Example: Water freezing into ice.

**Vaporization:** Liquid changes into gas via evaporation or boiling. Example: Water boiling to form steam.

**Condensation:** Gas turns back into liquid as molecules lose energy. Example: Steam condensing on a cold surface.

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# EXERCISE

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## A. Choose the correct answer.

- Which process is responsible for the transformation of water into vapor?  
(a) Melting ☐ (b) Condensation ☐  
(c) Evaporation ☐ (d) Freezing ☐
- What happens to the molecules of water during freezing?  
(a) They move faster ☐ (b) They form rigid bonds ☐  
(c) They spread apart ☐ (d) They evaporate ☐
- Why do clothes dry faster on a windy day?  
(a) Wind cools the clothes ☐ (b) Wind increases evaporation ☐  
(c) Wind decreases humidity ☐ (d) Wind removes heat from the clothes ☐
- Which of the following is not a part of the water cycle?  
(a) Precipitation ☐ (b) Evaporation ☐  
(c) Transpiration ☐ (d) Combustion ☐
- What is the driving force behind the water cycle?  
(a) Gravity ☐ (b) Wind ☐  
(c) The sun ☐ (d) Oceans ☐

## B. Fill in the blanks.

- Water changes from liquid to gas through the process of \_\_\_\_\_.
- During condensation, water vapor turns into \_\_\_\_\_.
- The sun provides heat energy that powers the process of \_\_\_\_\_ in the water cycle.
- Plants release water vapor into the air through \_\_\_\_\_.
- The process by which water travels across the Earth's surface as streams and rivers is called \_\_\_\_\_.

## C. Write True or False.

- Evaporation occurs only at boiling temperatures. \_\_\_\_\_
- Condensation leads to the formation of clouds in the atmosphere. \_\_\_\_\_
- Higher humidity speeds up the process of evaporation. \_\_\_\_\_
- Water vapor turning into liquid droplets is an example of condensation. \_\_\_\_\_
- Freezing involves the removal of heat energy from water. \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Define the following terms.

1. Evaporation
2. Condensation
3. Precipitation
4. Transpiration
5. Water Cycle

### E. Match the columns.

#### Column A

1. Evaporation
2. Condensation
3. Precipitation
4. Freezing
5. Transpiration

#### Column B

- (a) Release of vapour by plants
- (b) Water falling as rain
- (c) Gas to liquid
- (d) Liquid to gas
- (e) Formation of solid ice

### F. Give reasons for the following statements.

1. Why does the rate of evaporation increase on windy days?
2. Explain why water stored in a clay pot stays cool.
3. Why is condensation important for the water cycle?
4. How does temperature influence the transformation of water between states?
5. Why does ice float on water even though it is solid?

### G. Answer in brief.

1. How does evaporation contribute to the water cycle?
2. What factors affect the rate of evaporation?
3. Explain the process of cloud formation in the atmosphere.
4. How does the cooling effect occur during evaporation?
5. Why is water conservation important for sustaining life?

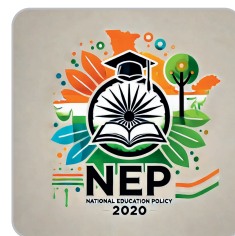


### H. Answer in detail.

1. Explain the different stages of the water cycle and their significance.
2. Describe the processes of melting, freezing, and condensation, providing examples from daily life.
3. How do environmental factors like temperature, wind, and humidity affect evaporation?
4. Discuss the role of evaporation and condensation in maintaining Earth's climate and weather patterns.
5. Compare the characteristics of water in its three states: solid, liquid, and gas.

**Flexible Learning Paths:**

The policy emphasizes the importance of adaptive and flexible learning tools that cater to individual learning speeds and preferences.



## Skill-based Activity



### DIY Experiment: Cooling Effect of Evaporation

**STEM**

**Conduct an experiment to understand the cooling effect of evaporation:**

- Take two identical bowls of water.
- Cover one bowl with a wet cloth and place both bowls in sunlight.
- Observe the temperature of water in both bowls after an hour.

**Questions:**

- Why is the water in the bowl covered with a wet cloth cooler than the other?
- What role does evaporation play in this experiment?
- How can this principle be applied in real life to keep things cool without electricity?

**Skills Covered:** Analytical thinking, Observation, Applicative thinking, Creativity

### Poster Making: The Impact of Water Scarcity on Wildlife

**Art**

Design a poster illustrating how water scarcity affects plants and animals. Include visuals showing drying rivers, thirsty animals, and parched vegetation.

**Skills Covered:** Creativity, Awareness-building, Logical thinking

### Planning for a Rainwater Harvesting System

**Group Activity**

Imagine your local community faces water shortages during the summer. Work in groups to design a rainwater harvesting system for your neighborhood.

**Questions:**

- Where would you collect rainwater, and how would you store it?
- How would you ensure the stored water is safe for use?
- Suggest ways to involve the community in maintaining the system.

**Skills Covered :** Teamwork, Problem-solving, Collaboration, Innovation

## Investigating Global Water Distribution

### Case to Investigate

Research how water is distributed globally and how different regions use water resources.

#### Questions:

- Why do some regions have abundant freshwater while others face scarcity?
- What steps can countries take to share water resources more equitably?
- Discuss the impact of melting ice caps on global water availability.

**Skills Covered:** Research, Analytical thinking, Ethical reasoning

## Innovative Water-Saving Ideas

### Aligning with SDGs

Research modern technologies used for water conservation, such as desalination or greywater recycling.

#### Questions:

- How do desalination plants provide freshwater from seawater?
- What are the benefits and challenges of recycling greywater?
- Suggest three innovative ways technology can help conserve water.

**Aligned with SDGs :**SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all., SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production: Promote efficient use of natural resources and reduce water wastage., SDG 13: Climate Action: Implement technologies to adapt to climate change impacts on water resources.

**Skills Covered:** Innovation, Problem-solving, Applicative thinking

## The Role of Trees in the Water Cycle

### Integrated Learning

Write a short report on how trees contribute to the water cycle through transpiration.

#### Questions:

- How does transpiration differ from evaporation?
- Why are forests essential for maintaining the water cycle?
- Discuss the impact of deforestation on local rainfall patterns.

**Skills Covered:** Analytical thinking, Critical thinking, Applicative thinking