

Water Distribution On The Earth

A close-up photograph of a single water droplet falling into a pool of water, creating a series of concentric ripples. The water is dark and reflective. Several autumn leaves in shades of yellow and orange are scattered around the water, some partially submerged. The background is blurred, showing more leaves and a dark surface.

Cool Water Facts



- 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by water.
- 97% of all water is salt water, found in the oceans.
- Only 3% of our water is fresh water.

Water

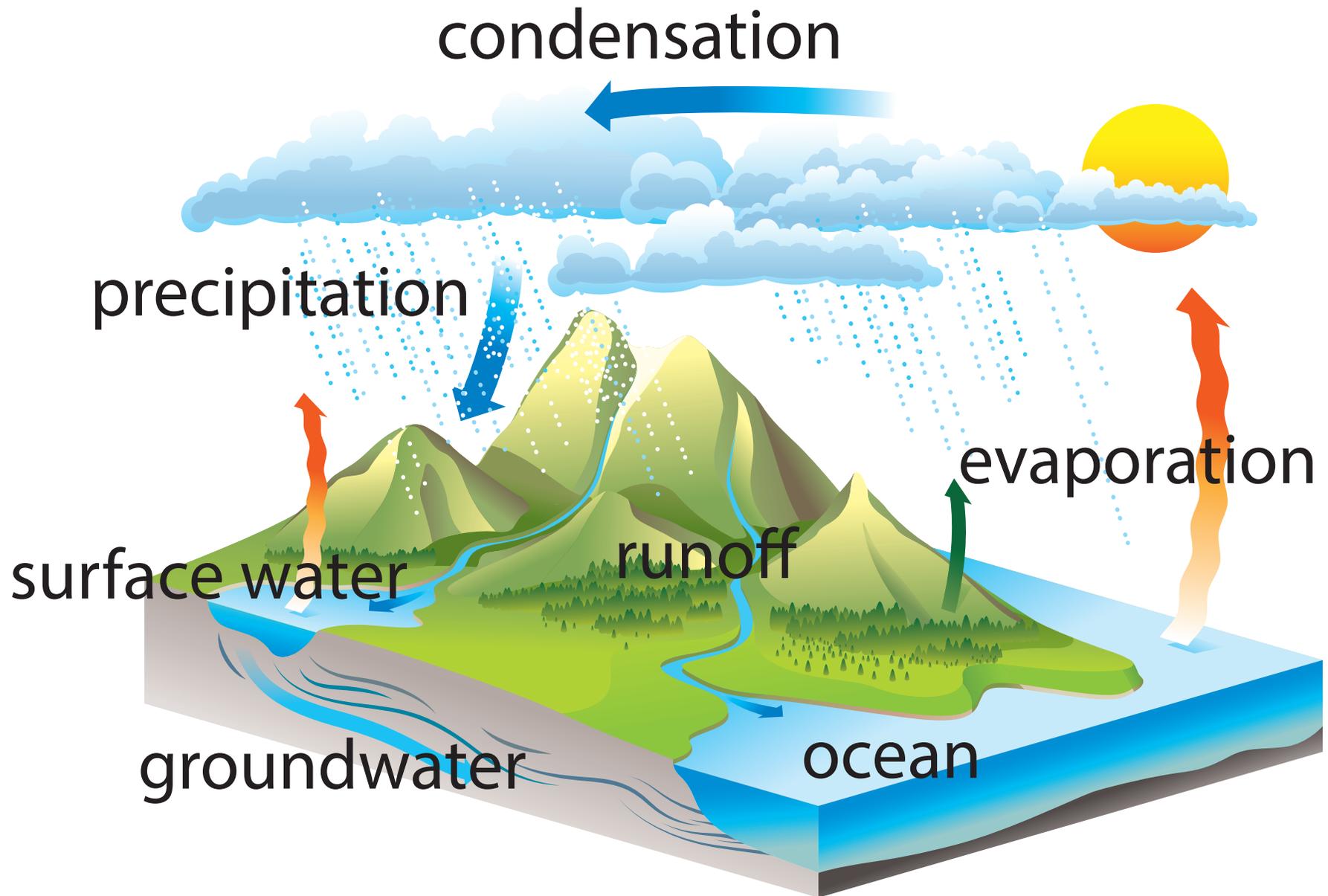
Water is constantly moving around our planet.

It collects in the clouds and falls to the ground as rain and snow. It forms our great oceans and seas. It can be found flowing across the Earth's surface in rivers, lakes and streams. It can collect in great frozen rivers called glaciers. It can even soak through the soil and collect under the ground!

So where does all this water come from?



The Water Cycle

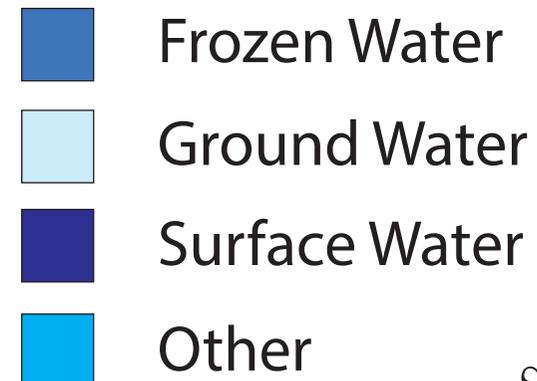
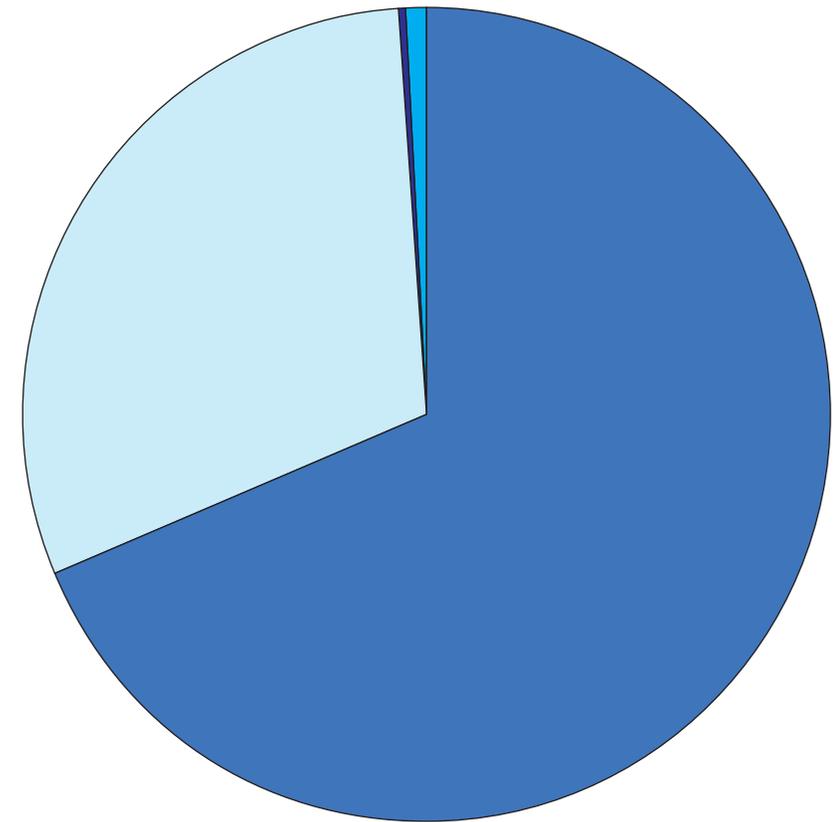


Fresh Water Distribution

Where is our fresh water found?

According to the U.S. Geological Survey:

- Over 68% of fresh water is frozen, located in the icecaps and glaciers.
 - Just over 30% is found in the soil and underground stores.
 - Only about 0.3% of fresh water is surface water, found in rivers, lakes and swamps.
- ?? Where do you think the remaining fresh water can be found?



Fresh water is valuable.
Don't waste it!

