

# The water cycle

The amount of water on earth has not changed for millions and millions of years. A dinosaur could have drunk some of the same water which flows through the Thames today!

Water maybe **solid** (ice), a **liquid** (as it comes out of the tap) or a **gas** (called "water vapour")

These are examples of evaporation and condensation.

How is water changed from one form to another? To help us understand what happens, think about these things:

Water is always on the move, passing from the land to the seas to the air. This movement is called the water cycle.

- What happens to wet clothes when they are hung on a washing line?
- What happens to a puddle of a water on a hot day? Where does the water go?
- What do you see when you breathe on a cold window pane?

Now fill in the missing words on this diagram.

**The missing words are: condensation, cloud, ocean, river, lake, evaporation, precipitation, groundwater.**

See the pdf on the "water cycle" for more information.

