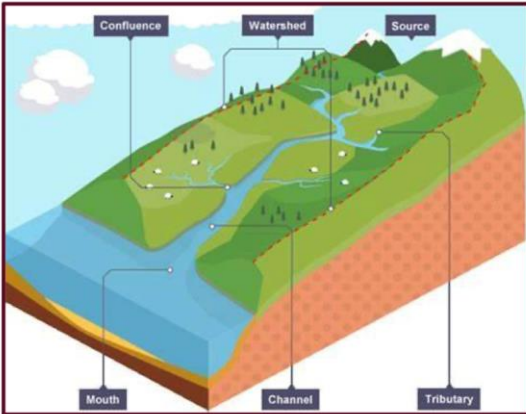


# RIVERS & THE WATER CYCLE

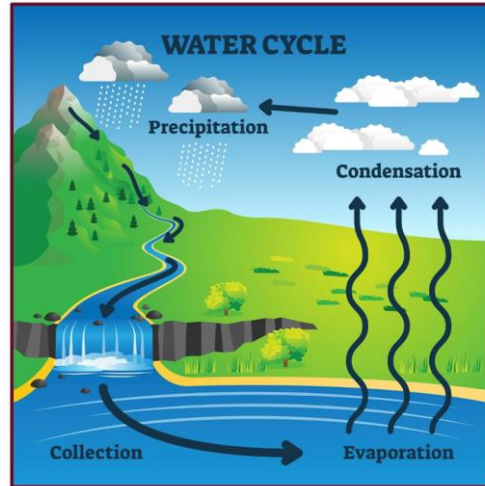
## Vocabulary

**River:** A flowing, moving stream of water. **Lake:** Large body of water that is surrounded by land and not part of an ocean. **Sea:** A large body of salt water. **Source:** Where a river begins. **Channel:** The path of a river. **Tributary:** A small river or stream that meets a large river. **Mouth:** Where a river enters the sea. **Confluence:** Where two rivers meet. **Meander:** A winding bend in a river. **Estuary:** The last section of a river before the sea. **Watershed:** Area of land where all of the water underneath it collects into the same river. **Water Cycle:** The journey of water on the Earth.

## Parts of a River



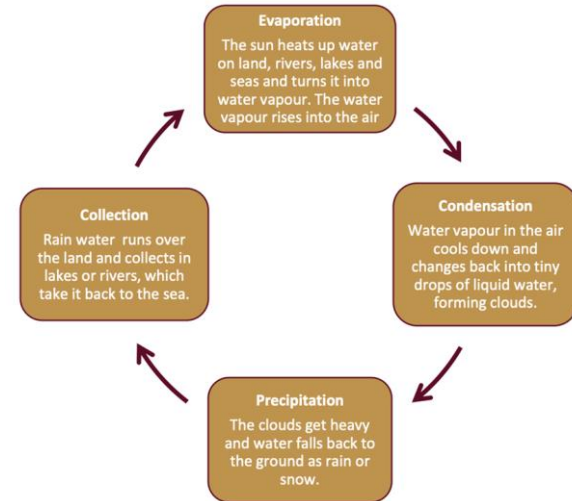
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Water on Earth is constantly moving. It is recycled over and over again. This recycling process is called the Water Cycle.

The Water Cycle is the journey water takes as it moves from the land to the sky and back again. It follows a cycle of evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection.



## The River Ribble

