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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the process called when water changes from a liquid to a gas?

Hint: Think about the process that involves heat and vapor.

- A) Condensation
- B) Precipitation
- C) Evaporation
- D) Infiltration

Which of the following are components of the water cycle? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the processes that involve water movement.

- A) Transpiration
- B) Photosynthesis
- C) Precipitation
- D) Evaporation

Explain the role of condensation in the water cycle.

Hint: Think about how water vapor transforms back into liquid.

List two factors that influence the rate of evaporation.

Hint: Consider environmental conditions that affect evaporation.

1. Factor 1

2. Factor 2

Which factor is most likely to increase the rate of evaporation?

Hint: Think about environmental conditions that promote evaporation.

- A) Low temperature
- B) High humidity
- C) Strong winds
- D) Dense vegetation

Part 2: Understanding and Application

How does urbanization impact the water cycle? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the effects of buildings and roads on water movement.

- A) Increases infiltration
- B) Increases runoff
- C) Reduces evaporation
- D) Reduces infiltration

Describe how precipitation contributes to the water cycle and its importance for ecosystems.

Hint: Think about the role of precipitation in replenishing water sources.

If a region experiences deforestation, which part of the water cycle is most directly affected?

Hint: Consider the role of trees in the water cycle.

- A) Evaporation
- B) Transpiration
- C) Condensation
- D) Precipitation

Which scenarios could lead to increased groundwater flow? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about conditions that enhance water infiltration.

- A) Heavy rainfall
- B) Prolonged drought
- C) Increased infiltration
- D) Urban development

Imagine a coastal city. How might climate change alter the water cycle in this area?

Hint: Consider the effects of rising sea levels and temperature changes.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which process directly connects the atmosphere and the biosphere in the water cycle?

Hint: Think about the role of plants in the water cycle.

- A) Precipitation
- B) Transpiration
- C) Runoff
- D) Infiltration

Analyze the relationship between temperature and the water cycle. Which statements are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider how temperature affects evaporation and precipitation.

- A) Higher temperatures increase evaporation rates.
- B) Lower temperatures increase condensation rates.
- C) Higher temperatures decrease precipitation.
- D) Lower temperatures increase runoff.

Analyze how topography influences the distribution of precipitation in a mountainous region.

Hint: Think about how mountains affect weather patterns.

Which of the following actions would most effectively reduce urban runoff?

Hint: Consider actions that enhance water absorption.

- A) Increasing impermeable surfaces
- B) Plantin more trees
- C) Building more roads
- D) Reducing green spaces

Evaluate the potential impacts of climate change on the water cycle. Which outcomes are likely? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider how climate change affects weather patterns and water availability.

- A) Increased frequency of droughts
- B) More intense storms
- C) Decreased evaporation rates
- D) Altered precipitation patterns

Propose a sustainable water management strategy for a city facing water scarcity due to climate change. Include how this strategy would address key components of the water cycle.

Hint: Think about innovative solutions that integrate water conservation.