

# Vocabulary #10

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| Infiltration  | The seepage of water into soil or rock.                                  |
| Transpiration | The process of water evaporating from plants leaves into the atmosphere. |
| Evaporation   | The process of turning liquid into water vapor.                          |
| Condensation  | The conversion of water vapor into a liquid.                             |

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| Runoff     | The draining away of water from the surface of an area of land.  |
| Sinkhole   | A natural depression formed by the sudden collapse of the land surface, often caused by disappearance of water underground.          |
| Oxbow Lake | A U shaped body of water that forms when a meander from the main stem of a river is cut off, creating a free-standing body of water. |

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| Ground Water            | Water held underground in the soil or in pores and cracks in rock.                             |
| River Basin (Watershed) | Areas of land that drain to a particular water body, such as a lake, stream, river or estuary. |
| Tributary               | A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.   |