

4th Grade Science Vocabulary Study Sheet 3

1. groundwater Water held underground in the soil or in pores and crevices in rock.
2. condensation When vapor cools and changes into droplets of water.
3. precipitation Any form of water that falls back to earth.
4. evaporation Energy from the sun heats liquid water and the water changes to water vapor.
5. runoff Water that goes off of the land and collects in rivers, lakes, and the ocean.
6. liquid A nearly incompressible fluid that conforms to the shape of its container but retains a (nearly) constant volume independent of pressure.
7. solid A state of matter with a definite shape and volume.
8. gas A state of matter consisting of particles that have neither a defined volume nor defined shape.
9. ecosystem All living and nonliving things in an environment and the many ways that they interact with each other.
10. habitat The area where an organism lives.
11. producers Organisms that make their own food.
12. consumers Organisms that eat other living things.
13. decomposer Organisms that break down plant and animal remains.