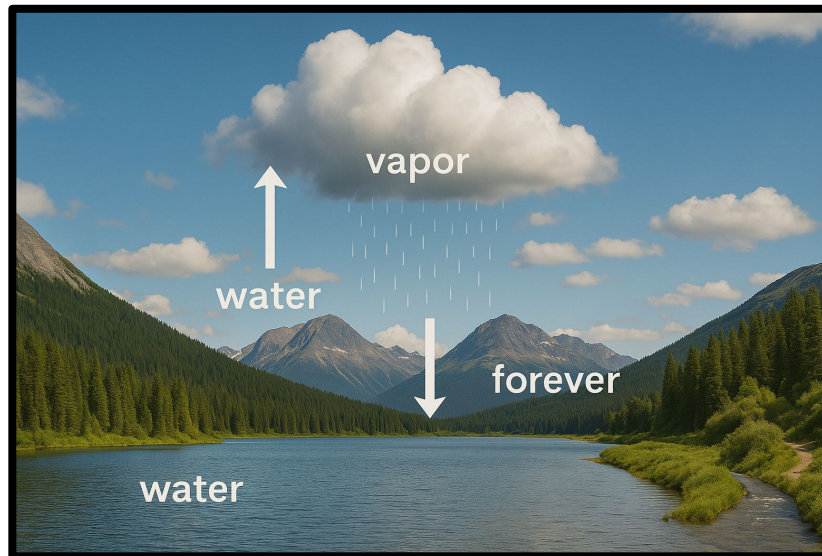


## Decodable Texts: R-Controlled (er)

*"This nonfiction story explains where water goes. Look for 'er' pattern words like 'water,' 'higher,' and 'later' as you explore the water cycle!"*



### Where Does Water Go?

Water moves in a cycle from rivers, lakes, and the sea.

Heat from the sun turns water into vapor.

That vapor rises higher and forms clouds in the air.

Later, the clouds get full and water falls back as rain.

Rain can fill rivers or soak into the dirt.

This cycle goes on forever—over and over again!

Water is always moving from place to place.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

water

higher

later

over

forever



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Where Does Water Go?

1. What causes water to turn into vapor?

- A. Cold air
- B. The sun's heat
- C. Rain
- D. The moon

2. Where does rain go after it falls?

- A. Into the wind
- B. Into dirt and rivers
- C. Back into the sun
- D. Into clouds

3. Fill in the blank:

This cycle goes on forever—over and \_\_\_\_\_ again!

4. What are the steps in the water cycle, and how do they connect?

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5. Why is it important to know how water moves?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** er R-Controlled Vowel

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Earth Science / Water Cycle

**High-Frequency Words:** into, where, from, that, on

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## Before Reading

1. This story includes “er” words like *water*, *higher*, *later*, and *forever*.
  2. Where do you think water goes after it rains?
  3. What do you already know about clouds or rivers?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice “er” words like *water*, *higher*, *later*, and *river*.
  2. Watch for er words that explain steps in the water cycle
  3. What makes the water rise, and how does it return?
  4. Read the last sentence like a loop—steady and clear
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## After Reading

1. Retell the steps of the water cycle
  2. How does the cycle help plants, animals, and people?
  3. What would you draw if you made your own water cycle chart?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “er” words in the passage
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like a science teacher walking through a diagram
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## Activity Idea

Draw a water cycle with labeled steps (evaporation, condensation, precipitation). Use er words like *water*, *river*, *over*, or *forever*. Write one sentence about how water keeps moving.

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## Coaching Tip

Big science ideas come through clearly with small decoding skills—help kids master both at once!

