Subject-Specific Vocabulary Cloze

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the passage below about the water cycle. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks. Each word should be used once.

Word Bank

evaporation	condensation	precipitation	atmosphere
water vapour	molecules	clouds	collection
temperature	cycle	surface	gravity

The Water Cycle

The water cycle is a continuous _____ that moves water between the Earth's surface, the atmosphere, and back again. This process has been occurring for billions of years and is essential for life on our planet.

The first stage is _____, which occurs when the sun heats water on the Earth's _____. This includes water from oceans, lakes, and rivers. As the _____ rises, water _____ gain energy and change from liquid to gas, forming _____. This invisible gas rises into the _____.

As the water vapour rises higher into the sky, it cools down. This cooling causes _____, where the gas changes back into tiny liquid droplets. These droplets gather together to form _____. When these droplets become too heavy, _____ pulls them down, causing them to fall as _____ in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

The final stage is _____, where water returns to bodies of water on the Earth's surface or soaks into the ground. From here, the cycle begins again, making water one of our planet's most precious renewable resources.