

Water & Environment Vocabulary Table

Word	Part of Speech	Definition (Simple)	Example Sentence	Synonym	Other Form(s)
precipitation	noun	Water that falls from the sky as rain, snow, or hail	Precipitation helps plants grow.	rainfall	—
evaporation	noun	When water changes into vapor and rises into the air	Evaporation happens when the sun heats water.	vaporization	evaporate (<i>verb</i>)
saving water	noun phrase	Using less water so we don't waste it	Saving water is important during dry seasons.	conserving water	save (<i>verb</i>)
water cycle	noun	The process of how water moves around Earth	The water cycle includes evaporation and precipitation.	—	—
contamination	noun	When water or air becomes dirty or harmful	Factory contamination can make rivers unsafe.	pollution	contaminate (<i>verb</i>), contaminated (<i>adj</i>)
lack	noun / verb	Not having enough of something	Some countries suffer from a lack of clean water.	shortage	lacking (<i>adj</i>)
fresh water	noun	Clean water that people can drink	Rivers and lakes are sources of fresh water .	clean water	—
condensation	noun	When vapor turns back into water drops	Condensation forms on windows when it's cold outside.	water drops	condense (<i>verb</i>)
population	noun	The number of people living in a place	The city's population is growing quickly.	inhabitants	populated (<i>adj</i>)
consumption	noun	The act of using something	Water consumption increases in summer.	use	consume (<i>verb</i>), consuming (<i>adj</i>)
waste	noun / verb	To use something carelessly	Don't waste water when brushing your teeth.	misuse	wasteful (<i>adj</i>), wasting (<i>verb</i>)
reuse	verb	To use something again instead of throwing it	We can reuse bottles to save water.	recycle	reusable (<i>adj</i>)