
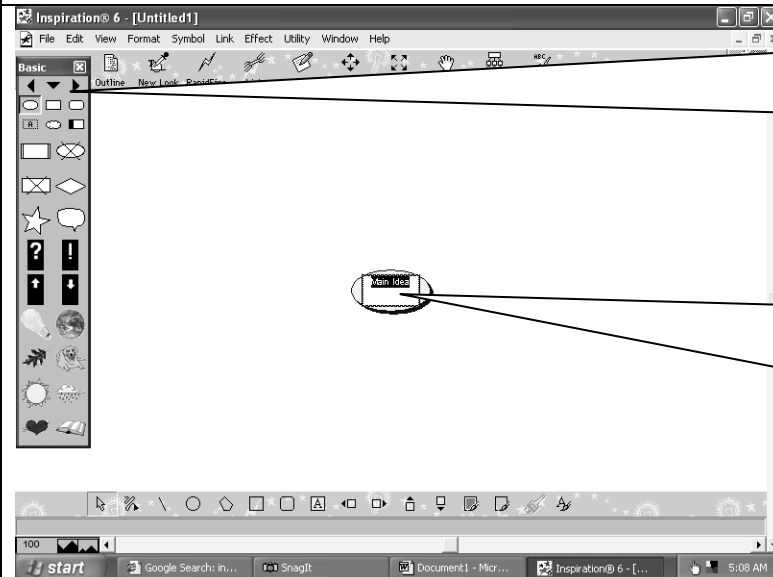


# Instructions for using Inspiration to make a mind map of the water cycle.

Launch Inspiration.  When you open it the first time, it looks like this:



This is a library of shapes, symbols & clipart. If you do not see it on your screen, go to **View** → choose **Symbol Palette**

This will say "Main Idea"  
You can change the text by clicking in the shape and typing your main idea.

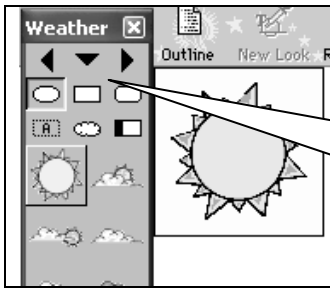


Start by changing "Main Idea" to "The Water Cycle"  
Click in the shape and type.



Change the font by going to **Format**

Change the look of the shape by going to **Effect**

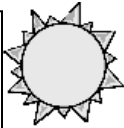


Several things happen during the water cycle. Let's begin with **Evaporation**.

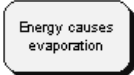
Use the symbol palette to find a picture of the sun. Use the **◀ ▶** to scroll through the different libraries of pictures and shapes.

Place the sun on the right-hand side of the page. The sun evaporates water, so find a picture of water in the symbol palette and place it under the sun:

You can click & drag a picture or shape to any place on the map.



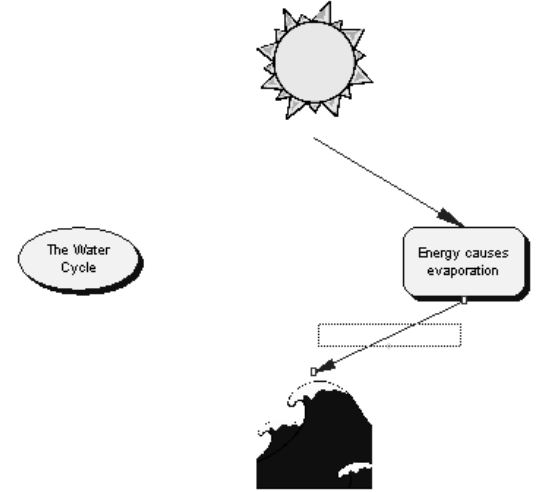
Add a shape from the symbol palette to explain the connection between the sun & water. The explanation should be **VERY BRIEF**. (2- 4 words)



Pictures & shapes can be resized by clicking the corner boxes and dragging to the size you want.



**BE AWARE!** If you choose a shape or picture from the symbol palette while another picture or shape is selected (*has little red boxes round it*) the selected picture will be replaced with the new one. You must make sure nothing is selected on your mind map before adding anything new.



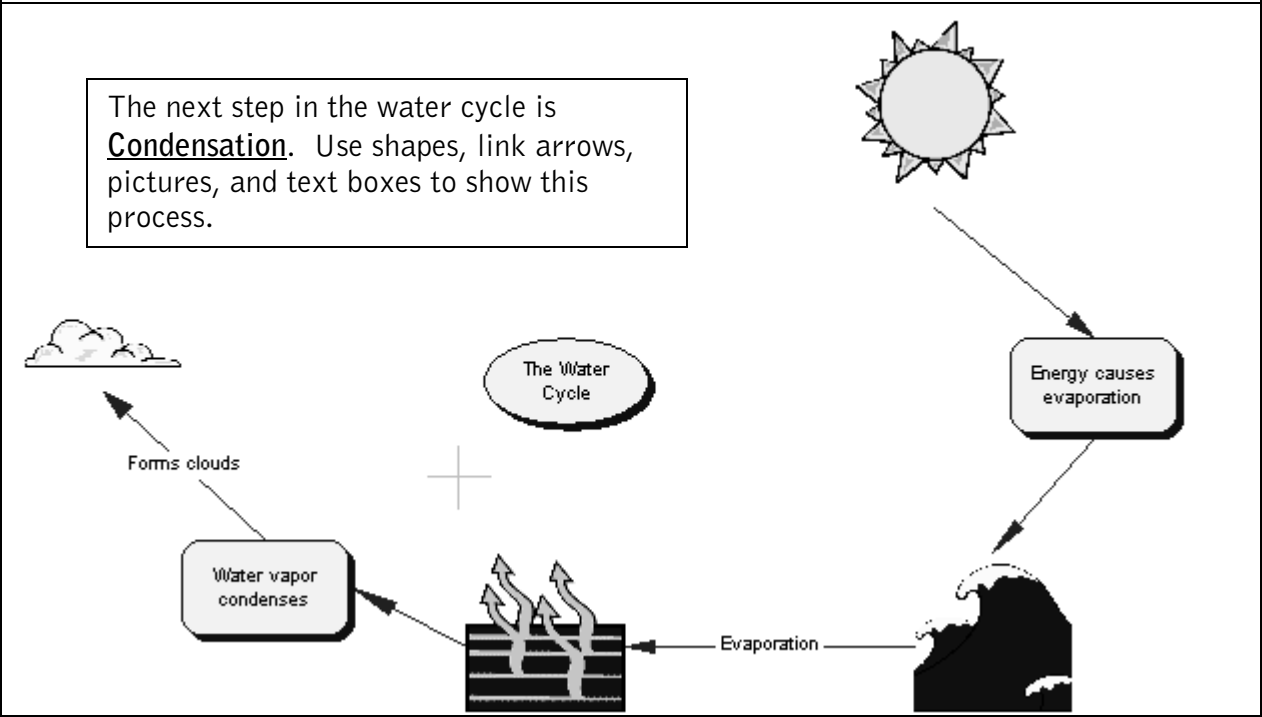
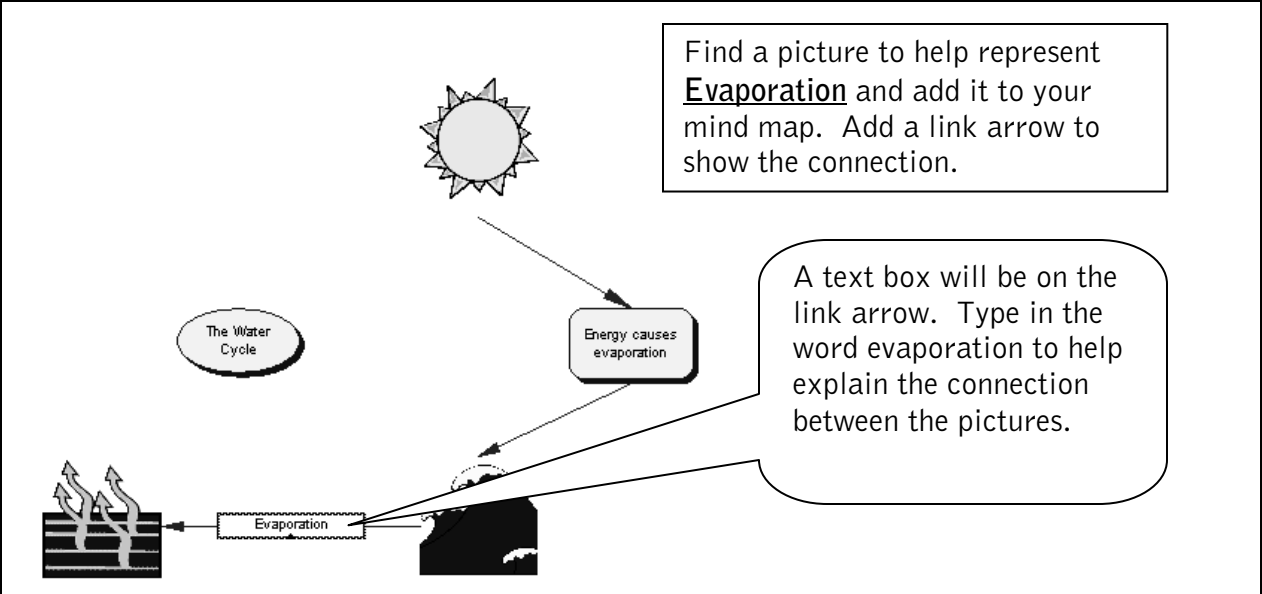
Add arrow links to make a visual connection between the pictures and the explanation:



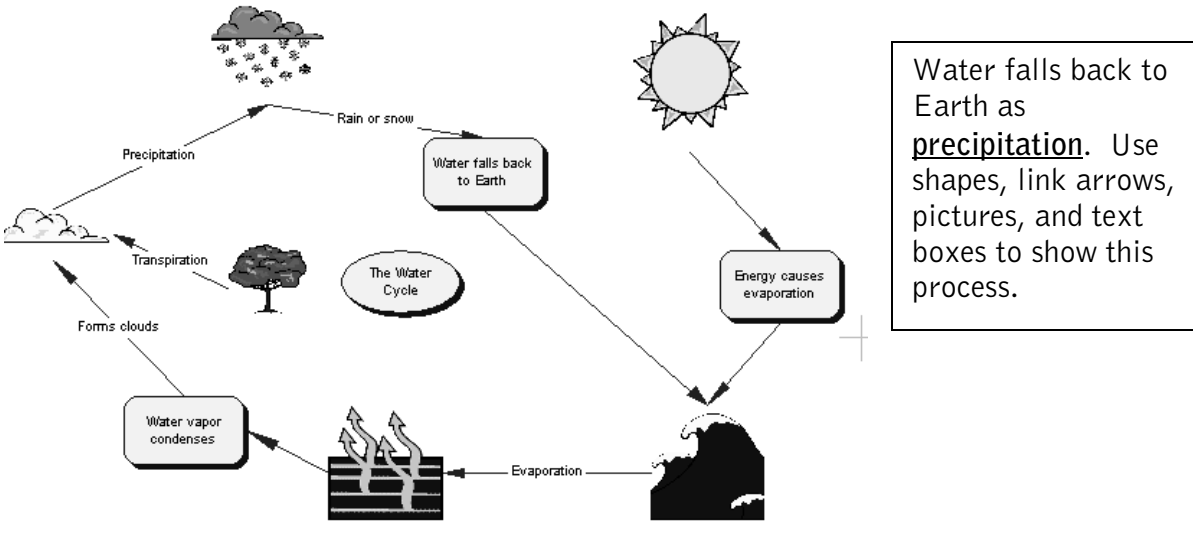
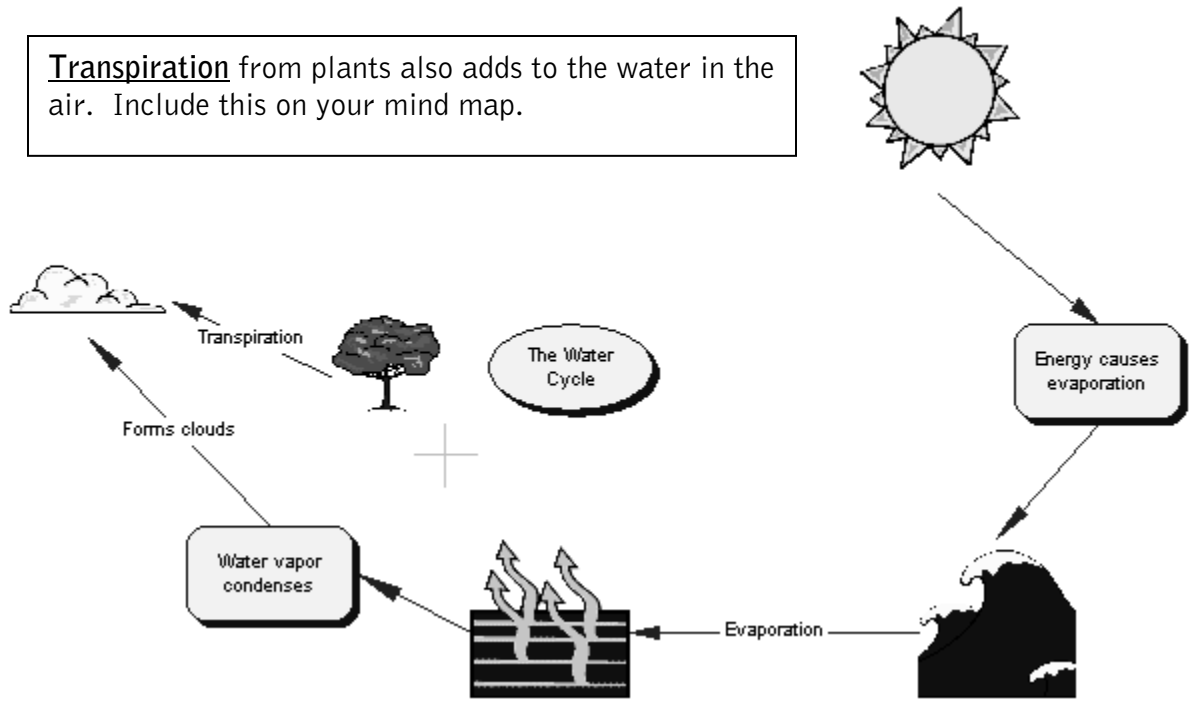
Click on the **LINK** tool, and then click on the sun, and then click on the explanation box.

Click the explanation box again, and then click the picture of water.

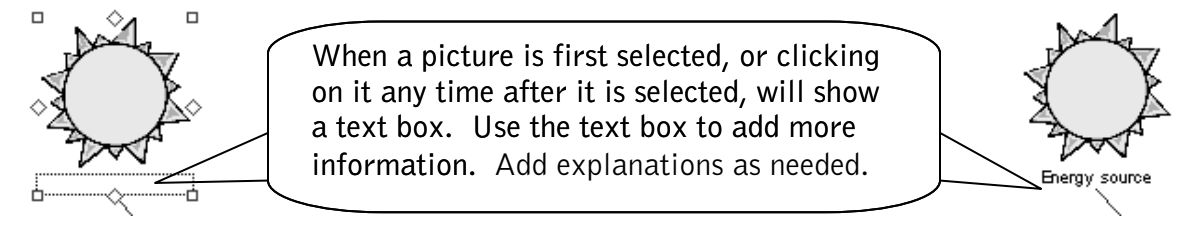
You can change the width & color of the arrows in **Effect**.



Transpiration from plants also adds to the water in the air. Include this on your mind map.



Water falls back to Earth as precipitation. Use shapes, link arrows, pictures, and text boxes to show this process.



**YOU ARE NOW FINISHED WITH YOUR FIRST MIND MAP!!**