



Think about the water you drank from the water fountain today. Where do you think it came from? How far do you think it traveled in a day? A week? A year? How long do you think it's been around?

In this activity, you'll imagine that you're a drop of water, and write a short story about your life. You may want to create a persona for your drop – a name, attitude, and/or inner dialogue that is unique to your drop. The beginning and ending prompts are given to you; your job is to tell what happened in between.

STEP 1: Choose your beginning from the following prompts...

- 1) "Once I was floating around inside a cloud..."
- 2) "Once I was just a drop of water in the middle of the ocean..."
- 3) "Once I was a little flake of snow on the top of a mountain..."
- 4) "Once I was trapped in the ground underneath a river..."
- 5) "Once I was part of a huge, thundering waterfall..."
- 6) "Once I was lying in a puddle in the middle of a parking lot..."

STEP 2: Choose your ending from the following prompts...

- 1) "...and that's how I ended up in this lake."
- 2) "...and then some seventh-grade kid drank me up."
- 3) "...and now I'm just part of an iceberg."
- 4) "...and then a dandelion sucked me up with its roots."
- 5) "...and now I'm stuck here in this sewer."
- 6) "...and I've been floating around in this swimming pool ever since."

STEP 3: Fill in the middle...

Your drop must visit each of the water cycle steps while taking its adventure. Use the checklist below to make sure you have each step of the water cycle included in your story.

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evaporation

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condensation

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precipitation

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accumulation