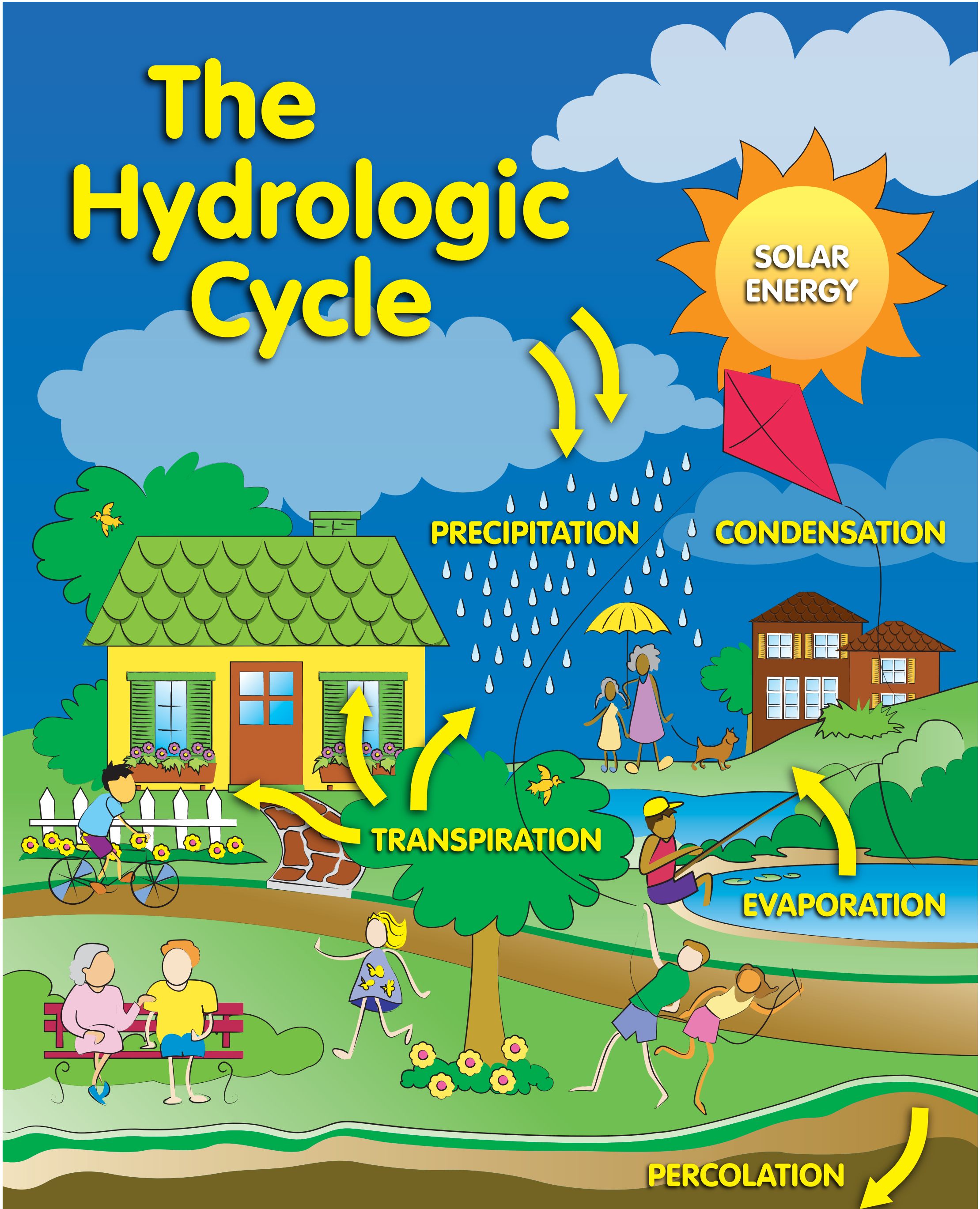


# The Hydrologic Cycle



**Solar energy:** energy provided by the sun for the never-ending water cycle

**Evaporation:** vapor created when the sun heats water in lakes, streams, rivers or oceans

**Transpiration:** vapor created when plants and trees give off moisture

**Condensation:** tiny droplets of water formed when water vapor rises into the air and cools

**Precipitation:** moisture released when clouds become heavy and form rain, snow and hail

**Percolation:** movement of water through the ground

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