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The moving sections of the earth's crust.

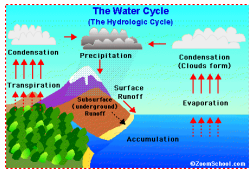


Tectonic Plates: Mouse-over diagram to view Earthquake Zones

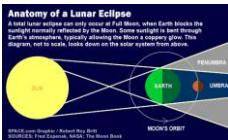
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A force created by all objects with mass that pulls other objects to it. Examples: Earth's gravity pulls objects to its surface; the Sun's gravity holds the planets in their orbits.




Condensation
The changing from a gas to a liquid; in the Water Cycle, when moisture in the air changes to liquid or solid form: rain, sleet, snow.




Lunar Eclipse
When the Earth is between the Sun and the Moon, blocking light from the Moon.




Sediment
Bits of rock, soil, and other materials that have been weathered, eroded, and deposited.




Friction
The force that resists motion between two objects that are touching. Examples: surface friction; air friction; water friction.




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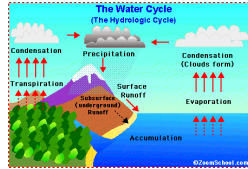


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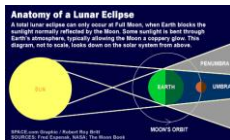
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