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Readers' Theater Script: Water Cycle Adventure
This 10-minute readers' theater play traces water in its never-ending
cycle. Students read the script as they perform the play. Neither props
nor scenery is necessary. There are 19 characters, but in a small class,
students can easily play more than one part. The students could even
write their own water cycle adventure.

Cast:		
Sun (who is also the narrator) Ocean water drop 1 Ocean water drop 2 Water vapor 1 Water vapor 2 Cloud Snowflake 1	Snowflake 2 Glacier ice 1 Glacier ice 2 Stream water 1 Stream water 2 River water 1 River water 2	Reservoir water 1 Reservoir water 2 Tap water 1 Tap water 2 Water in drain pipe Sewage processing plant

The Sun: Our story starts in the ocean. We are watching two drops of water.

Ocean water drop 1: It's getting hot here in the ocean - I don't think I can swim any more. I'm feeling light and airy! I think the Sun's doing it to me.

**The Sun**: I can't help it - I'm hot and full of energy. That's what I do, and I do it so well, don't I?

Ocean water drop 2: Yes, you do, but I think I'm getting dizzy and there isn't even a whirlpool here. I'm feeling so strange! I think I'll just float for a while - no more swimming for me.

Ocean water drop 1: Uh oh! You're not floating in the water anymore, you're floating in the air - you're not a drop of water either - you're water vapor now.

Water Vapor 1: What's water vapor?

Water Vapor 2: It's water, but it's a gas. You've evaporated and turned into a gas - and so have I. Let's fly up high!

Water Vapor 1: I feel like joining the others and forming a crowd.

Water Vapor 2: I think you mean a cloud, not a crowd. Okay, let's condense.

Water Vapor 1: What does that mean?

Water Vapor 2: Condensing means that we'll change back into a liquid (water, of course). Then we'll be part of a cloud.

Cloud: Okay, now we're a beautiful, fluffy cloud. Let's fly over the land and watch the goats. Take a look at those beautiful mountains! But now I'm feeling heavy and cold. I think I'm going to snow!

**Snowflake 1**: Hey, what's got six arms and there's nothing exactly like it in the whole world?

**Snowflake 2**: Me - I'm so special. You, too, of course. We're both snowflakes. Hey, where are you going now?

**Snowflake 1**: I can't stop falling - you're falling too. But where are we going?

Snowflake 2: Down.

**Snowflake 1**: Thanks - I knew that. It looks like we're taking a trip to the mountains. I hope you know how to ski.

**Snowflake 2**: Well, it looks like we're stuck on a glacier - I wonder why they're called rivers of ice.

Glacier Ice 1: I'm getting crushed here. Now I'm ice - this is NOT my favorite part of the water cycle.

Glacier Ice 2: We're only moving at about one foot a year. This is going to be soooooo boring - it's a long way to the bottom.

Glacier Ice 1: You'd better get used to it, we're stuck on this glacier for a

while.

**The Sun**: A long, long, long time later, two very bored drops of water emerge from the bottom of the glacier. I haven't been much help to them lately.

Stream water 1: Wow, I've finally melted!

**Stream water 2**: Me too - I'm free at last. What a change, we were practically standing still, and now we're shooting the rapids.

Stream water 1: Watch out for that rock! And that waterfall!

Stream water 2: Ouch! I've had enough of this. Can we go home now?

**Stream water 1**: We don't have a home. At least we're out of the mountains. The water's getting deeper. What's going on here?

River water 1: You can slow down now - we're in a river. And we're getting warmer.

River water 2: I like this. Not too fast and not too slow.

River water 1: Let's go down this side stream - it looks clear and clean.

**Reservoir water 1**: Okay. We're in a reservoir now - we'll be flowing through huge pipes soon - I've been here before.

**Reservoir water 2**: Here they are. It's dark and spooky in these pipes. How do we get out of here?

Reservoir water 1: Just go with the flow.

**Tapwater 1**: There's a light at the end of the tap - we're in a sink. Eew - that kid is brushing her teeth!

Tapwater 2: I hope she doesn't drink us - it's really weird when that

happens.

**Tapwater 2**: Whew, that was a close call. Looks like we're whirlpooling down the drain. Hold your nose!

Water in drain pipe: More dark pipes - but these pipes are really smelly. We must be in the sewer under the city. Boy do I need to take a bath.

**Sewage processing plant**: I heard that. I'm a sewage processing plant. You've come to the right place. I'm so amazing that I can even give bath water a bath! Now you're all filtered and clean - just take that pipe to the sea.

Ocean water drop 1: We're finally back in the ocean. You know, I've done this trip a million times, and every time it's different.

Ocean water drop 2: I was well water in Washington once.

Ocean water drop 1: I was in a typhoon in Thailand twice.

Ocean water drop 2: I was rain in Rwanda.

Ocean water drop 1: I was snow in Siberia.

Ocean water drop 2: We've all been snow in Siberia. But I was in a puddle in Pakistan.

Ocean water drop 1: I was in a lake in Louisiana.

Ocean water drop 2: I was in a swamp in Switzerland.

Ocean water drop 1: There are no swamps in Switzerland. But a long, long time ago, I was sleet that fell on the snout of a T. rex.

Ocean water drop 2: Showoff. I rained on a plain in Spain, and I seeped through the soil. and went into a cave, and was groundwater for 500 years.

Ocean water drop 1: Boooorrrrrring.

Sun: Hi there! It's me again. Did you miss me? I know you did.

Ocean water drop 1: I feel so hot and dizzy!

Ocean water drop 2: Oh no, it's starting all over again!

Ocean water drop 1: I wonder where we'll go this time?

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