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1. Draw and label the parts of the water cycle. Include transpiration, infiltration, and surface runoff. Be able to describe how water moves through the water cycle.

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| Image result for water cycle diagram |

2. The percentage of the Earth covered in water is \_**71% (rounded to 70%)**\_ and the part covered by land is **29% (rounded to 30%)**.

3. \_**97**\_% of the Earth’s water is salt water and \_**3%**\_ % of the Earth’s water is freshwater. Why is most freshwater unusable? \_**Most freshwater is frozen**\_\_

4. Why is the ocean salty and lakes and rivers are not? **Dissolved minerals from surface runoff are carried into to the ocean. Water is continuously evaporating out of the ocean leaving the salts behind.**

5. What is an aquifer? **A body of rock or sediment that contains ground water that allows it to flow.**\_

6. Complete with names of features found on the ocean floor:

1. \_**Seamount**\_: a volcano or mountain that does not rise above the surface of the ocean
2. \_\_**Abyssal Plain**\_\_\_: a flat almost level area of the ocean floor
3. \_**Continental Shelf**\_\_\_\_: part of the continent that is covered by sea water from land to the continental slope
4. \_**Ocean Trench**\_\_\_: a deep valley in the ocean
5. \_**Mid-ocean ridge**\_\_: underwater mountain chain
6. \_**volcanic island**\_\_\_: when a seamount rises above sea-level
7. \_\_**continental slope**\_\_: steeply sloping edge of the continental shelf that drops to the ocean basin

7. A large stream of moving water that flows through the oceans is called a \_\_**current**\_\_.

8. What are the three causes of currents? **Wind, differences in temperature causing changes in density and differences in salinity that cause changes in density.**

9. The largest and most powerful surface current in the North Atlantic is called the

\_\_**Gulf Stream**\_\_. How does it affect climate in Europe?\_\_**The warm surface current warms up the climate.**

10. What causes ocean currents to curve to the right in the Northern Hemisphere?

**The Coriolis Effect – the rotation of the Earth**

11. Compare surface currents and deep ocean currents:

 Surface Currents Deep Ocean Currents

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| **- Only at the surface****- Created by wind****- Warm surface currents are near the equator****- Cold surface currents are near the poles** | **- On the surface and deep in the ocean****- Created by density differences****- “conveyer belt’ of the ocean****- takes around 1,000 years to complete** |

12. What are tides? What causes them?

**The daily rise and fall of Earth’s waters at its coast lines that are caused by the gravitational pull of the moon and the rotation of Earth.**

13. What is a wave?

**The rhythmic disturbance that carries energy through matter (the matter in our case is water)**

14. What three things can affect the size of a wave?

**The length of time the wind blows, the strength of the wind, and the distance the wind blows.**

15. Draw and label the features of the ocean floor. Include seamount, continental shelf, continental rise, abyssal plain, mid-ocean ridge, volcanic island, trench, and continental slope.

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| Image result for Ocean TopographyA – Continental SlopeB – Sea MountsC – Abyssal PlainD - Mid Ocean RidgeE – Volcanic IslandF – Continental SelfG – TrenchesH – Continental Rise |