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Rain is heavy! The process of raining or snowing transfers an immense amount of weight of water from the atmosphere to the earth's surface. It was calculated that over an area of only 10,000 square miles in India, seven billion tons of water fell in one shower, or an average of 10 inches. Rain is falling somewhere all the time, and at the average rate of about sixteen million tons every second. This rainfall is, of course, very unevenly distributed. It is very small in the polar regions and over deserts at any time, and very large in parts of the tropics. This immense transfer of water from clouds to earth is offset by the more gentle process of evaporation.

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