

Chapter 12 DRW

Lesson 1

Describing Earth's Atmosphere Name _____

Scan Lesson 1. Read the lesson titles and bold words. Look at the pictures. Identify three facts that you discover about Earth's atmosphere. Record these facts in your Science Journal.

Main Idea

Importance of Earth's Atmosphere

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Origins of Earth's Atmosphere

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Define atmosphere, and identify four things the atmosphere does for Earth.

Atmosphere: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Write the number of each event on the time line to describe how Earth's atmosphere changed over time.

1. Photosynthetic organisms remove carbon dioxide from the air and release oxygen.
2. Water vapor cools and condenses. Rain falls, evaporates, and eventually accumulates in oceans.
3. Atmosphere contains present levels of carbon dioxide, oxygen, nitrogen, and other gases.
4. Atmosphere is mainly water vapor with a little carbon dioxide and nitrogen.



Early atmosphere

Present time

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Main Idea

Composition of the Atmosphere

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Assess information about the atmosphere. Read each statement below. If the statement is true, write true on the line. If the statement is false, write false on the line and rewrite the underlined portion so that it is true.

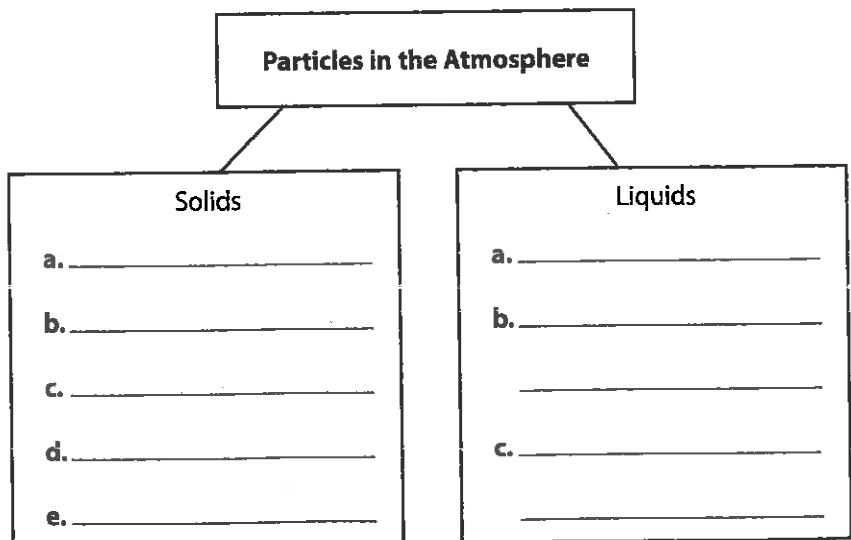
Earth's atmosphere is mostly made of visible gases, including nitrogen, oxygen, and carbon dioxide.

Solid and liquid particles are also present in the atmosphere.

Identify the gases that make up Earth's atmosphere.

Gases in the Atmosphere	
Percent	Gas
78	
21	
1	a. b. c. d.

Identify solid and liquid particles in the atmosphere.



Main Idea

Layers of the Atmosphere

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Describe the layers of the atmosphere. First, list the layers in order from the surface to space. Identify the height of each layer. Then describe each layer.

Layers of the Atmosphere	
Layer and Height above Earth's Surface	Description
_____ above 500 km	
Thermosphere	
_____ extends from about 50 km to about 85 km	
Stratosphere	
_____ from the surface to a height of 8–15 km	

Distinguish ozone from oxygen.

Ozone	Oxygen

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Air Pressure and Altitude

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Temperature and Altitude

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Identify the 2 layers of the atmosphere that contain the ionosphere.

1. _____ 2. _____

Explain, in your own words, how auroras form in the ionosphere.

Describe the relationship between altitude and air pressure.

As altitude _____, air pressure _____.

Identify the changes in temperature and altitude in the different layers of the atmosphere.

Layer of the Atmosphere	Altitude	Temperature
Troposphere	↑ increases	
Stratosphere	↑ increases	
Mesosphere	↑ increases	
Thermosphere	↑ increases	
Exosphere	↑ increases	

Connect It Suppose that you move from a town near the ocean to a town in the mountains. To what atmospheric changes would your body need to adjust?

Lesson 2 Energy Transfer in the Atmosphere

Predict three facts that will be discussed in Lesson 2 after reading the headings. Record these facts in your Science Journal.

Main Idea

Energy from the Sun

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Energy on Earth

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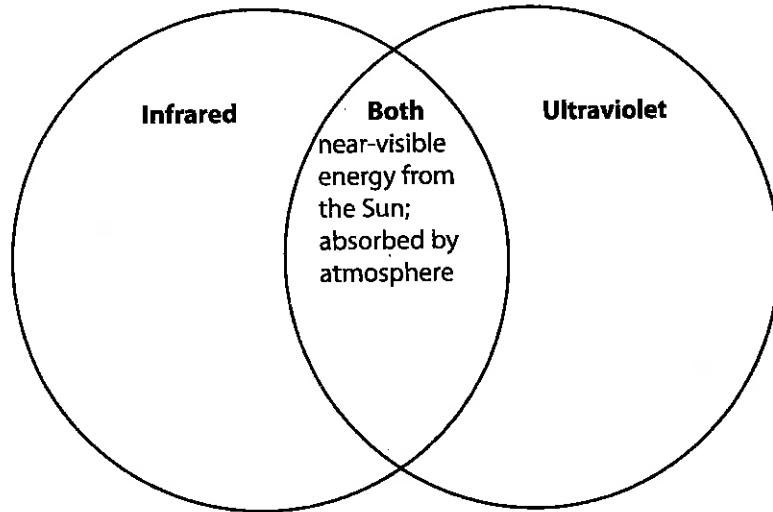
Define radiation.

Radiation: _____

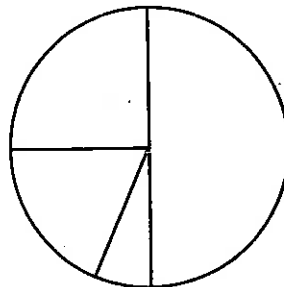
Identify the 3 forms of radiation that make up most of the Sun's energy.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Compare and contrast infrared and ultraviolet light.



Color the circle graph to represent the portion of radiation reflected and absorbed by Earth's surface and atmosphere. Complete the key to show what each color indicates.



KEY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	25% reflected back to space by particles in the atmosphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	20% absorbed by particles in the atmosphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	50% absorbed by Earth's surface
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Main Idea

Radiation Balance

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The Greenhouse Effect

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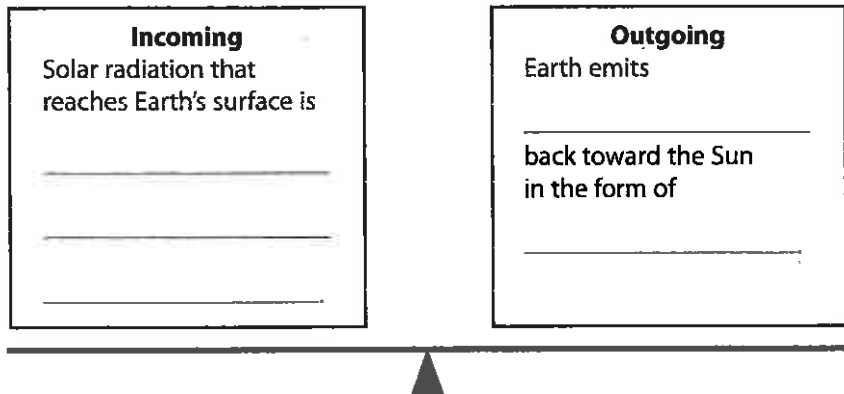
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Thermal Energy Transfer

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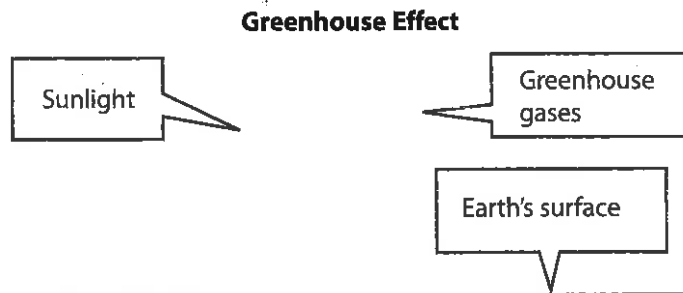
Explain how radiation levels are kept in balance.



Identify three greenhouse gases, and include their chemical formulas.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Draw a yellow arrow to indicate the incoming visible light. Draw red arrows to indicate the paths of infrared energy.



Identify and define 3 ways that thermal energy is transferred.

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2. _____

3. _____

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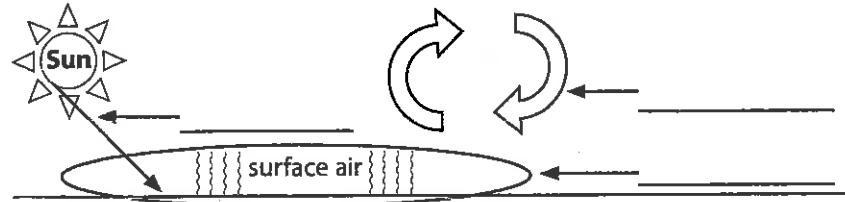
Circulating Air

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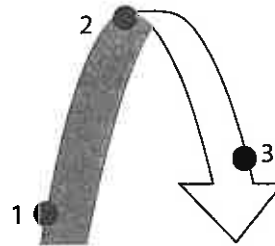
Identify each type of energy transfer.



Describe latent heat's relationship to water, and give an example.

Example: _____

Describe how air moves as it is heated and cooled. Indicate what happens at each position.



Position 1: As air warms, it becomes _____ and _____

Position 2: As air moves away from the warm surface, it loses _____ and _____. Cool air is _____ than warm air, so it begins to _____

Position 3: Cool air _____ and pushes the _____ air out of the way.

Define stability.

Stability: _____

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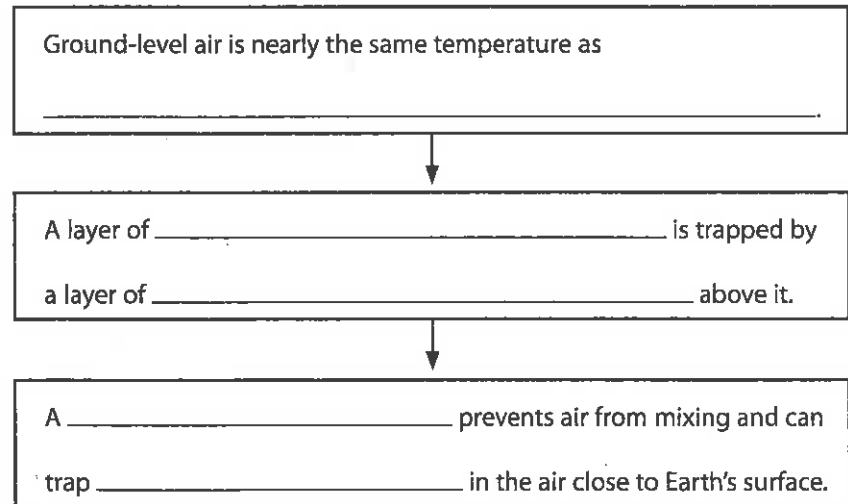
Distinguish the motion of stable and unstable air.

Motion of Stable Air	Motion of Unstable Air

Explain air movement during a thunderstorm.

During unstable conditions, ground level air is much warmer than _____. Air rises _____, cools, and produces large, tall clouds. _____, released as water vapor, changes from a _____ to a _____, adds to the instability, and produces a violent storm.

Sequence a temperature inversion.



Analyze it While on a picnic in the Rocky Mountains, you notice that clouds form and disappear at the top of the peaks. How can you explain this phenomenon?

Lesson 3 Air Currents

Skim Lesson 3 in your book. Read the headings and look at the photos and illustrations. Identify three things you want to learn more about as you read the lesson. Write your ideas in your Science Journal.

Main Idea

Global Winds

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Global Winds Belts

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Explain the formation of Earth's global winds.

The Sun heats Earth's surface unevenly because of the _____. This uneven heating causes differences in _____.



_____ pressure develops over the tropics. _____ pressure develops over the poles. The movement of air from areas of high pressure to areas of low pressure is called _____.



Global wind belts influence
a. _____ b. _____

Assess information about circulation in Earth's atmosphere. Read each statement below. If the statement is true, write true on the line. If the statement is false, write false on the line and rewrite the underlined portion so that it is true.

Two of the three cells that scientists use to describe circulation of Earth's atmosphere are conduction cells.

The first belt begins with warm air rising at the equator and dropping back to Earth near 30° latitude.

The third cell, at the lowest latitude, is also a convection cell.

Explain the Coriolis effect.

Coriolis effect: _____

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Local Winds

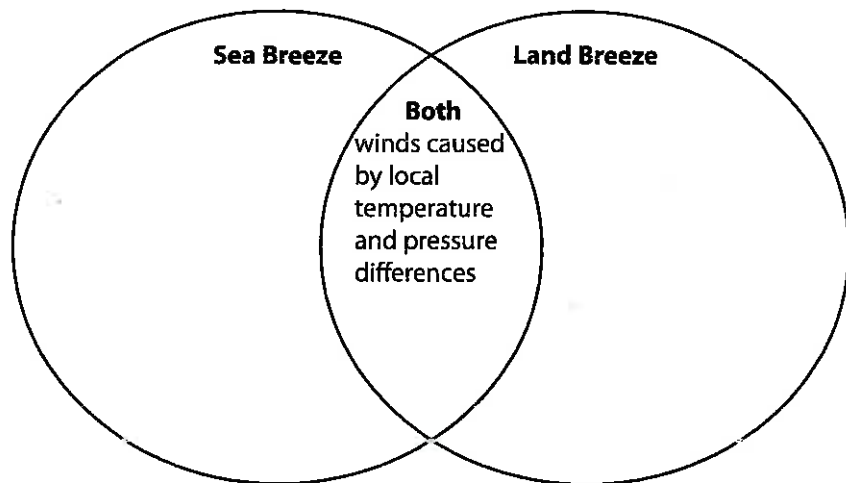
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Details

Analyze prevailing winds.

Winds	Description
Trade	
Doldrums	
Westerlies	
Polar easterlies	
Jet stream	

Compare and contrast a sea breeze and a land breeze.



Synthesize It An airplane pilot flying from California to New York would like to make the flight in the shortest amount of time possible. What could the pilot do to decrease his travel time?
