

Air and Water

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Glossary

atmosphere (AT-muh-sfeer) the blanket of air around Earth **(4)**

condensation (kon-den-SAY-shuhn) the changing of a gas to a liquid **(17)**

current (KUR-uhnt) water that flows like a river through the ocean **(13)**

evaporation (i-vap-uh-RAY-shuhn) the changing of a liquid to a gas **(17)**

fresh water (FRESH WAH-tur) water that has very little salt in it; found in glaciers and ice caps, the ground, lakes and rivers, the atmosphere, and living things **(14)**

groundwater (GROUND-wah-tur) water that collects in soil and in the cracks in underground rock **(15)**

natural resource (NACH-uh-ruhl REE-sors) something found in nature, such as air or water, that people need or use **(22)**

oxygen (OK-si-juhn) a gas in air that living things need **(4)**

pollution (puh-LOO-shuhn) the putting of harmful materials into air or water **(22)**

precipitation (pri-sip-i-TAY-shuhn) water that falls from the air to Earth's surface, usually as rain, snow, sleet, or hail **(18)**

reservoir (REZ-ur-vwor) a natural or human-made lake used to store fresh water **(23)**

salt water (SAHLT WAH-tur) water that has dissolved salts; found in Earth's oceans and seas **(11)**

tide (TYDE) the regular rise and fall of the ocean level **(13)**

troposphere (TROH-puh-sfeer) the lowest part of Earth's atmosphere, where living things are found and most weather happens **(5)**

water cycle (WAH-tur SYE-kuhl) the movement of water from Earth's surface to the air and back again **(18)**

water table (WAH-tur TAY-bl) the highest level of rock filled with groundwater **(15)**

water vapor (WAH-tur VAY-pur) water in the form of a gas **(4)**

wave (WAYV) the movement of energy through material **(12)**

weather (WETH-ur) what is happening in the air around Earth at a certain time and place **(6)**