

TOPIC 3: WEATHER AND CLIMATE



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VOCABULARY



A

Air: aire

B

C

Closest: más cercano

D

Depression: borrasca

During: durante

E

F

Fall: caer

Fly: volar

Force: fuerza

G

H

Hail: granizos, granizar

Heavy: pesado.

Heavier: más pesado.

Heat: calor

Here: aquí

High: alto/a

Hot air balloon: globo

aerostático

Humans: los humanos

I

J

K

L

Layers: capas

Light: ligero/a

Located: situados

Low: bajo/a

M

Measure: medir

N

O

Ozone layer: capa ozono

P

Pressure: presión

Q

R

Rainfall: precipitación

Rain gauge: pluviómetro

S

Seasonal: estacionales

Sleet: aguanieve

Soil: tierra

Such as: tales como

Surface: superficie.

Surrounded by: rodeado de

T

Too: también

Thin: fina, delgada

V

W

Weather: tiempo

Weather conditions:
condiciones meteorológicas.

Wind: viento

With: con

1.- THE ATMOSPHERE.

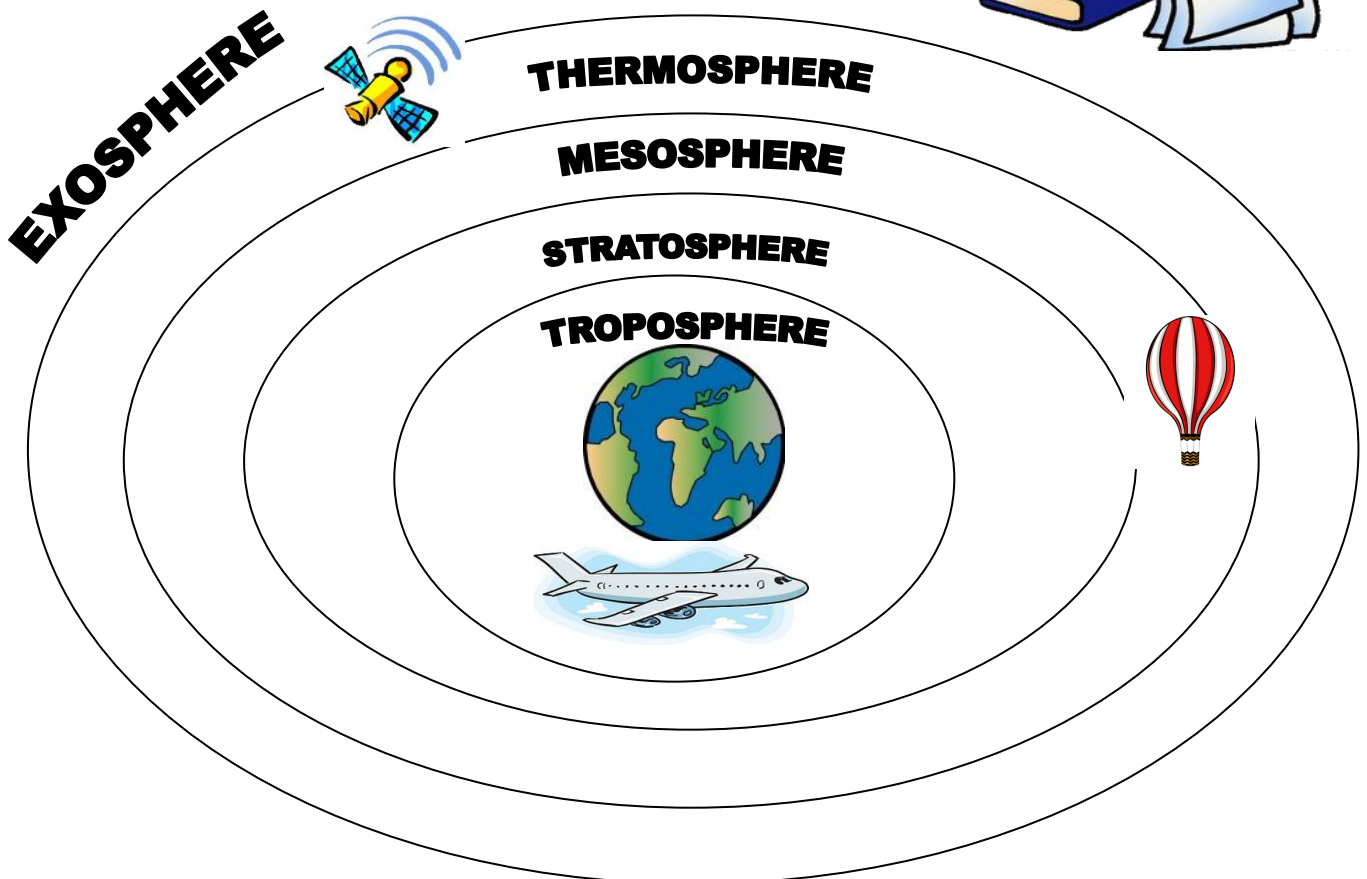
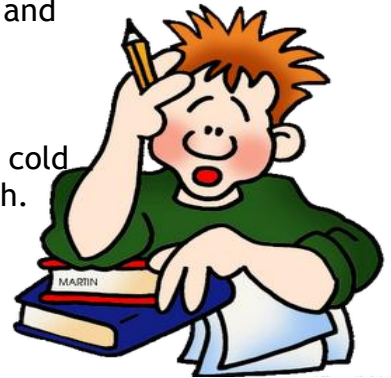
Planet Earth is surrounded by a layer of gases called atmosphere. The most important gases are nitrogen and oxygen. The atmosphere is responsible for the temperature in our planet.

The atmosphere has got five layers. Their names are:

1. **Troposphere** is the closest to the Earth. Humans live here. Aeroplanes fly here too. Weather conditions occur: snow and rain.
2. **Stratosphere** is between the troposphere and the mesosphere. It has got the **ozone layer**.
3. **Mesosphere**. Hot air balloons fly here. Temperatures are cold.
4. **Thermosphere**. Satellites fly here. Temperatures are high.
5. **Exosphere**. There is very thin air. The pressure is low.

Air is light at the top and heavy at the bottom.

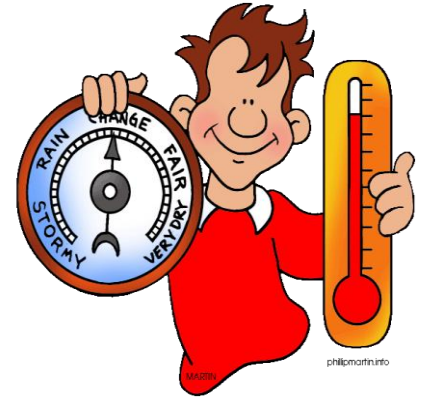
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2.- WEATHER AND CLIMATE.

Weather is the situation of the atmosphere during a short period in a small surface of the Earth. It is very irregular and it changes a lot. The weather can be sunny, foggy, rainy, stormy

The climate is the situation of the atmosphere during a long period of time and a big surface. The climate can be Polar, Mediterranean, Oceanic...



3.- THE ELEMENTS OF THE CLIMATE.

The climate has got some element. We can measure these element.

1. Temperature.
2. Rainfall.
3. Pressure.
4. wind.



temperature



rainfall

Temperature is the heat in the atmosphere. We measure it with a **thermometer** in Celsius degrees.

The temperature of a zone changes with the **latitude**, **altitude** and **distance to the sea**.

According to temperatures, the Earth is divided in 5 zones:

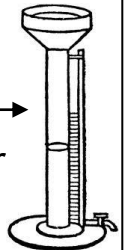
- One **hot zone**, located between the Tropics.
- Two **temperate zones**, located between the poles and the tropics.
- Two **cold zones**, located in the Arctic Pole and Antarctic Pole.

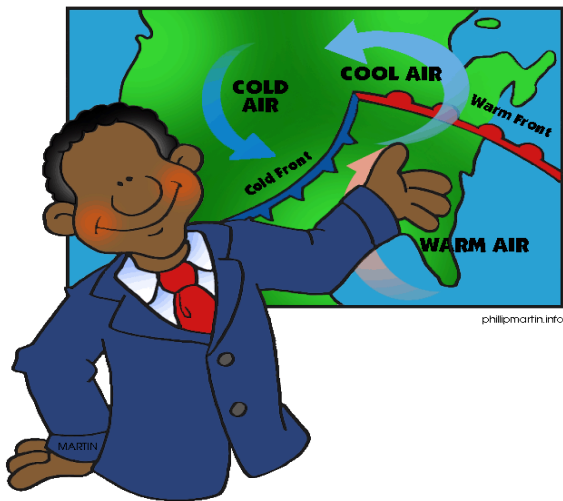
Rainfall or precipitation is the water that **falls** from the clouds. It can be solid or liquid. The form of precipitation can be **rain**, **snow**, **hail** or **sleet**.



sleet SNOW rain hail

We measure precipitation with a **pluviometer** or a **rain gauge**. We express precipitation in **millimeters** or **liters per square meter**





atmospheric pressure

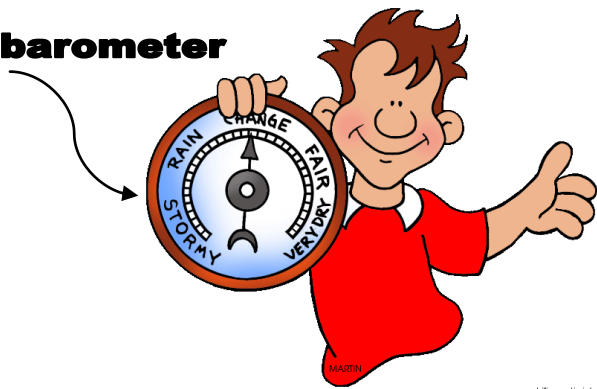
It is the force of air on a particular point. It depends on some factors:

- 1.- **Altitude:** low zones have more pressure than high zones.
- 2.- **Temperature:** cold air is heavier than hot air.

Anticyclones or high pressure zones have stable weather. **Depressions** or low pressure zones have unstable weather.

We measure pressure with a **barometre**. We express it in **milibars**.

barometer



wind

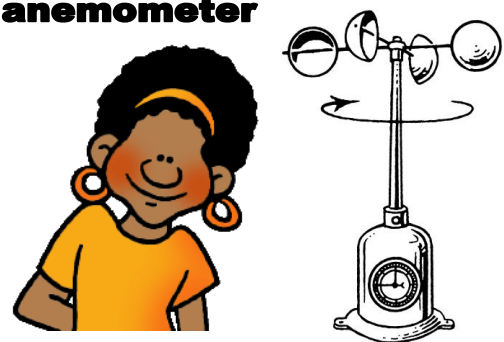
Wind is air in movement. It depends on two factors: **speed** and **direction**.

There are different types of wind:

- 1.- Seasonal winds.
- 2.- Constant winds.
- 3.- Daily winds.

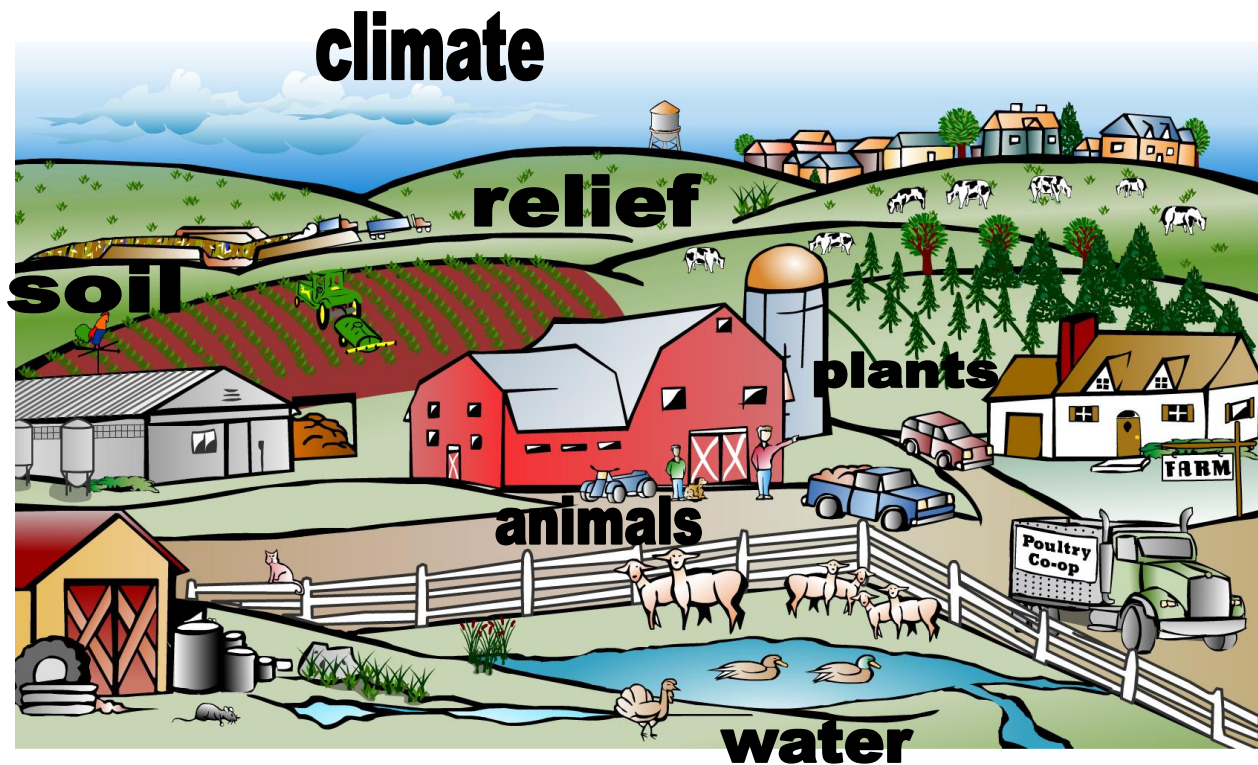
We measure the speed of the wind with an **anemometer**. We express wind in **kilometers per hour** or **meters per second**.

anemometer



4.- THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The natural environment is the place where animals and plants live. it also includes physical elements such as the climate, water, soil and relief. In conclusion, the natural environment is a combination of physical elements and living organisms.




A	L	I	S	O	I	L	U	V	A
O	L	C	I	L	T	Y	E	D	T
C	S	L	A	M	I	N	A	F	S
Z	O	I	L	N	S	C	O	G	H
M	N	M	A	W	I	F	D	P	A
L	Y	A	A	M	F	E	Z	L	S
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X	E	E	A	M	J	L	V	N	T
R	H	N	F	H	S	E	C	T	C
C	L	I	M	A	N	R	L	S	N

Activity 1 Find the natural environments in the wordsearch.



Activity 2. Complete the chart.

	TEMPERATURE	RAINFALL	ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE	WIND
<u>DEFINITION</u>	<i>It is the heat in the atmosphere</i>			
<u>FACTORS</u>				<i>Speed and direction</i>
<u>TOOL OF MEASUREMENT</u>		<i>Pluviometer or rain gauge</i>		
<u>UNIT OF MEASUREMENT</u>				<i>Kilometers per hour or...</i>

Activity 3. True or false.

- a) Temperature is the heat of the relief.....
-b) The natural environment is the place where animals and plants live.
.....
-c) Daily winds are one of the different types of wind.
-d) Rainfall or precipitation is the snow that falls from the clouds.
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-e) Low zones have more pressure than high zones.....
-f) The weather is the situation of the atmosphere during a long period of time.