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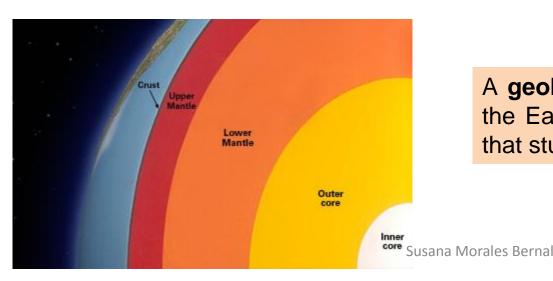
Objectives

- 1. To know the main layers of the Earth names.
- 2. To know the layers of the atmosphere and its main characteristics.
- 3. To know the variables that influence on the weather and how they are measured.
- 4. To know the distribution of water on Earth.
- 5. To know what the greenhouse effect is and the problem its increase creates.
- 6. To know the causes of atmospheric pollution, their characteristics and ways of alleviating them.
- 7. To know the existence of the atmospheric pressure and how to apply it to explain the everyday phenomena.
- 8. To know the most common atmospheric phenomena: rain, snow, hail, mist.
- 9. To know the Earth's water cycle.
- 10. To know the types of water we use, how the water reaches our homes and what is necessary to make it drinkable.
- 11. To know the causes of water pollution, their characteristics and ways of alleviating them.
- 12. To know the structure of the crust of the Earth and its composition.
- 13. To understand the concepts of minerals and rocks.
- 14. To know the geological processes that give rise to different types of rocks.
- 15. To know the Earth's rock cycle.
- 16. To know how to classify a material as artificial or natural.

THE EARTH

Until now it hasn't been possible to take a look inside the earth because the current technology doesn't allow it. Therefore, all kinds of research had to be done to find out, which material the earth consists of and what different layers there are. This research is called seismology.

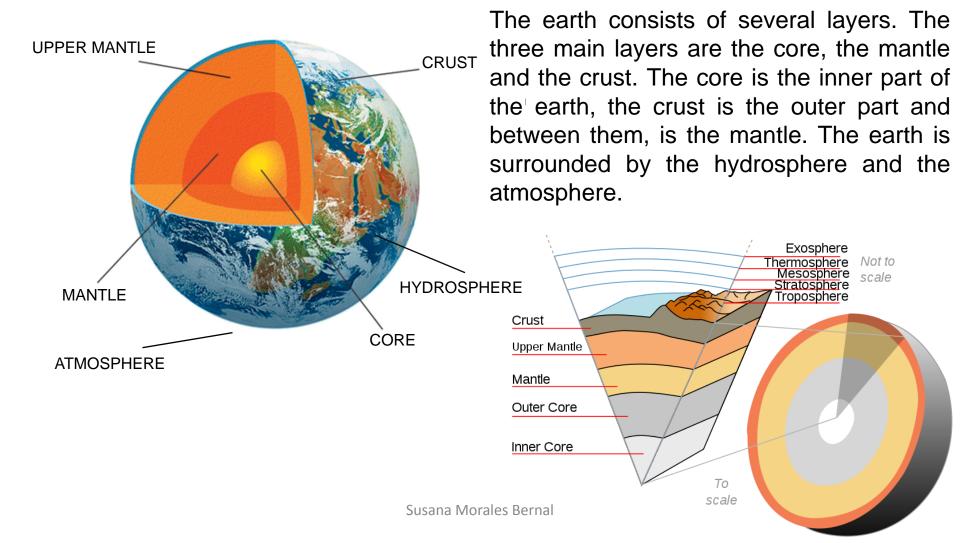
Seismology is the study of earthquakes and seismic waves that move through and around the earth (the study of the vibration of the Earth's interior caused by natural and unnatural sources). A **seismologist** is a scientist who studies earthquakes and seismic waves.



A **geologist** is a scientist who studies the Earth and **geology** is the science that studies our planet.

THE EARTH

The Earth, the Sun, and the rest of the solar system, were formed 4.54 million years ago by accretion from a rotating disk of dust and gas.



THE EARTH

Denser materials like iron (Fe) sank into the core of the Earth, while lighter **silicates** (silicon (Si) compounds), other oxygen (O) compounds and water rose near the surface.

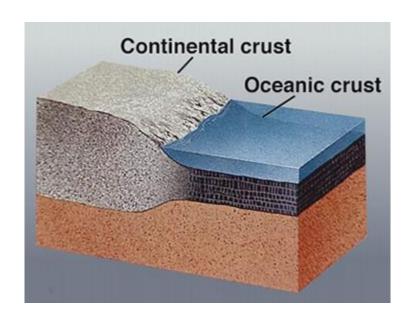
LAYER	THICKNESS	COMPOSITION		
CONTINENTAL CRUST	25-70 km	C:I:		
OCEANIC CRUST	6-18 km	Silicon rocks		
MANTLE	2900 km	Silicon rocks		
OUTER CORE	2200 km	Iron and nickel molten		
INNER CORE	1250 km	Iron and nickel solid		

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THE CRUST

The crust lays above the mantle and is the earth's hard outer shell, the surface we are living on. In relation with the other layers the crust is much thinner. It floats upon the softer, denser mantle. The crust is made up of solid material but this material is not everywhere the same.

There is an Oceanic crust and a Continental crust.



The Oceanic Crust is the part that surfaces in the ocean basins with the exception of the continental shelf. It is about 6-18 km thick and consists of heavy rocks, like basalt and gabbro.

The **Continental crust** is thicker than the Oceanic crust, about **25-70 km thick** which form the continents and the areas of shallow seabed close to their shores, known as continental shelves. It is mainly made up of **light material**, like **granite** and **limestone**.

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THE COMPOSITION OF THE CRUST

Most of the substances which form the crust are compounds. The more abundant compounds in the Earth's crust are:

Composition of	>	SiO ₂	(Silicon dioxide)	55,2 %
Earth's crust in weight per cent	>	Al_2O_3	(Aluminium trioxide)	15,3 %
Weight per cent		FeO	(Iron monoxide)	8,6 %

The following eight elements form the 98.5 % of the Earth's crust:

Composition of Earth's Composition Weight Percent	>	O (Oxygen)	46,6 %
Earth	>	Si (Silicon)	27,7 %
of set ce.	>	Al (Aluminium)	8,1 %
cition ant P	>	Fe (Iron)	5 %
Whos Meis	>	Ca (Calcium)	3,6 %
Constill	>	Na (Sodium)	2,8 %
C/,	>	K (Potassium)	2,6 %
	>	Mg (Magnesium)	2,1 %

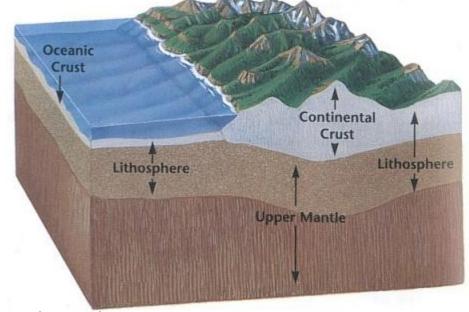
The oxygen and silicon form three-quarters of the crust.

THE MANTLE

The layer above the core is the mantle. It begins about 10 km below the oceanic crust and about 30 km below the continental crust.

The mantle is divided into two layers, the inner mantle and the outer mantle. It is about 2900 km thick and makes up nearly 80 per cent of the Earth's total volume.

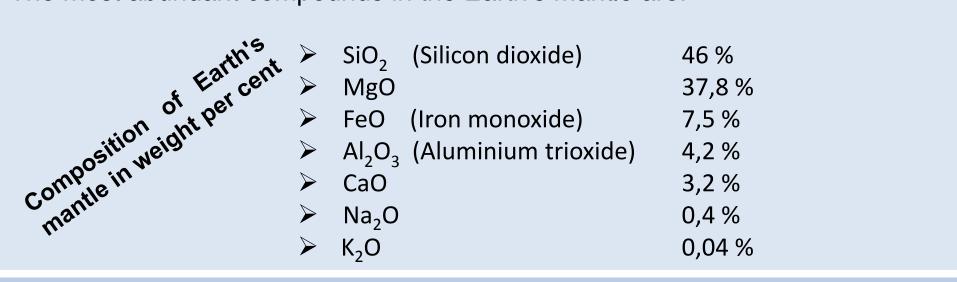
The lithosphere is the crust and the upper part of the mantle. The lithosphere is about 8 to 50 km deep.



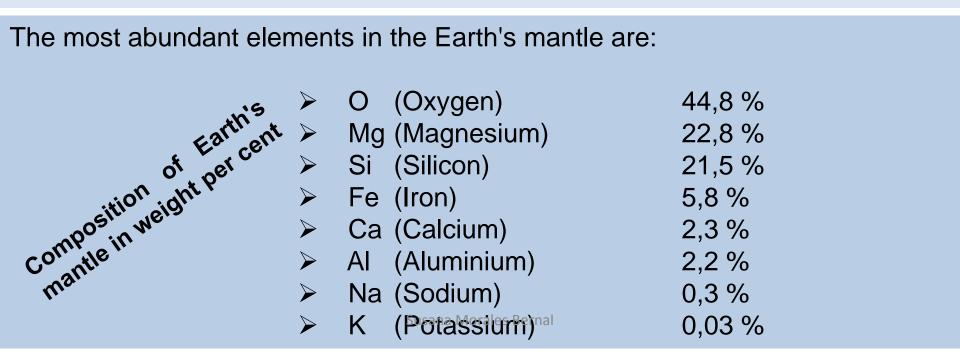
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THE COMPOSITION OF THE MANTLE

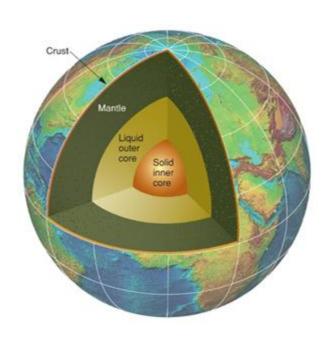
The most abundant compounds in the Earth's mantle are:



The most abundant elements in the Earth's mantle are:



THE CORE



It's the inner part of the Earth. It is about 2900 km below the earth's surface.

The core is a dense ball of iron and nickel. It is divided into two layers, the inner core and the outer core.

The inner core, the centre of Earth, is solid and about 1250 km thick.

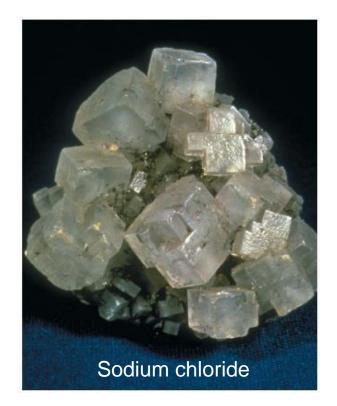
The outer core is so hot that metal is always molten, but the inner core is under such an extreme **pressure** that remains solid, even though temperatures there reach 3700°C. The **outer core** is about **2200 km** thick.

Because the Earth rotates, the outer core spins around the inner core and that causes the earth's magnetism.

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MINERALS AND ROCKS

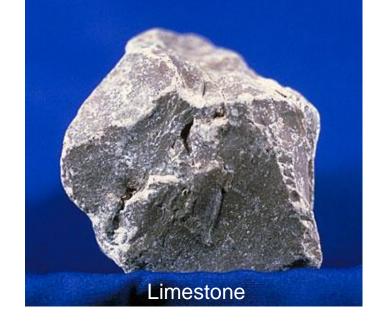
A mineral, by definition, is any naturally occurring, inorganic and solid substance, often additionally characterized by an exact crystal structure. Elements that occur naturally are also considered minerals.



The best way to define a rock is to say that it is an indefinite mixture of naturally occurring substances, mainly minerals.

A rock is an aggregate of minerals formed during geological processes.

Many rocks are not solid such as magma and clay.



The mantle and the crust are made of rocks Bernal

TYPES OF ROCKS

The three main types, or classes, of rocks are: **sedimentary**, **metamorphic**, and **igneous** and the differences among them have to do with how they are formed.

SEDIMENTARY

METAMORPHIC

IGNEOUS

rocks Sedimentary are those which have been formed from particles of sand, shells, pebbles, and other fragments of materials. All these particles are called sediments. Gradually, the sediments accumulated layers over a long period of time hardens into rock. Generally, a sedimentary rock is fairly soft and may break apart or crumble easily. You can often see sand, pebbles, or stones in rocks, and it is usually the only type that contains fossils.

Metamorphic rocks are those have been changed which inside the Earth's crust by heat, pressure and chemical activity. Rocks do not melt, but they do change and crystals form. Both igneous and sedimentary rocks can metamorphosed. The rocks that result from these processes can be identified by their striped banded or appearance. Besides, thev have shiny crystals. may formed by minerals that grow slowly over time, on their surface.

Igneous rocks are those which have been formed when magma (molten rock within the earth) cools and hardens. Sometimes, the magma cools inside the earth and crystals form, and other times it erupts on the surface from volcanoes (in this case, it is called lava). When lava cools very quickly, no crystals form, the rock is shiny and it looks as if it was glass. Sometimes, gas bubbles are trapped in the rock during the cooling process, leaving tiny holes in the rock.

Conglomerate, limestone, sandstone, slate, clay

Gneiss, marble

Basalt, obsidian, granite, pumice

SOME ROCKS







conglomerate

limestone

gneiss







marble

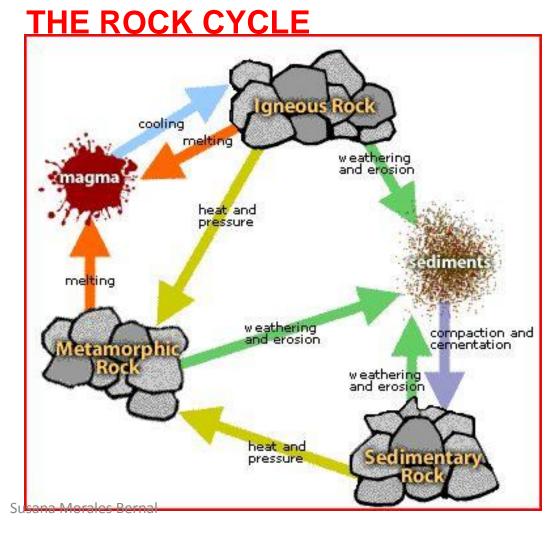
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THE ROCK CYCLE

The Rock Cycle is a group of changes.

Igneous rock can change into sedimentary rock or into metamorphic rock. Sedimentary rock can change into metamorphic rock or into igneous rock. Metamorphic rock can change into igneous or sedimentary rock.

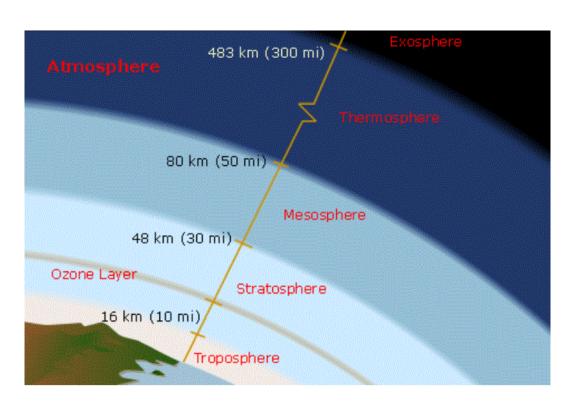


THE ATMOSPHERE

The Earth is surrounded by all kind of gases.

This layer is called atmosphere. Without this atmosphere life on Earth is not possible. The atmosphere gives us air, water, warmth and protects us against harmful sun rays and against meteorites.

This layer around the Earth is a colourless, odourless, tasteless 'sea' of gases, water and fine dust. It consists of 78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen, 0,93% argon, 0,03% carbon dioxide and 0,04% of other gases.



The atmosphere is made up of different layers with different qualities.

THE LAYERS OF THE ATMOSPHERE

There are several layers in the atmosphere. The atmosphere is about 800 km thick.

The **troposphere** is where the best known meteorological phenomena occur: clouds, rain, snow, winds, etc. The troposphere begins at the Earth's surface and extends up 6-20 km high. This is where we live.

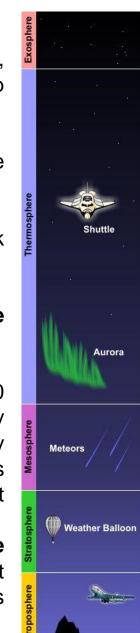
Above this layer is the **stratosphere**, between 12 and 50 km high, within the **stratosphere** is the **ozone layer**, that absorbs the Sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

Above the **stratosphere** is the **mesosphere**, is about 30 km thick. Many rock fragments from space burn up in the **mesosphere**. There is virtually no air.

The **thermosphere** is so big that is divided into two additional parts: the **ionosphere** and the **exosphere**.

The **lower thermosphere** is called the **ionosphere**; it extends from 80 to 550 kilometers above the Earth's surface and is where temperatures rise continually beyond 1000°C. The few molecules present receive extraordinary amounts of energy from the Sun, causing that this layer warms to such high temperatures and that ions occur (atoms with electrical load). These ions are important because they reflect radio waves. It is where the auroras borealis take place.

The outer layer of the thermosphere is called the exosphere. The exosphere extends from 550 kilometers to thousands of kilometers into space. It is here that satellites orbit the Earth. These satellites control functions, from telephone messages to TV programs, and are also important in keeping an Beye on the Earth's weather.



ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF EARTH

Air, is a mixture of gases which also weighs (have mass). Since air weighs, it is logical to think that the atmosphere weighs, too. The weight of the atmosphere is responsible for what is known as atmospheric pressure

The atmospheric air pushes the bodies which are in contact with him in all directions: upwards, downwards, sidewards, etc. So, we say that the atmospheric air puts pressure on the bodies and that pressure is called atmospheric pressure. That pressure is not the same every day or in all places and decreases with height.

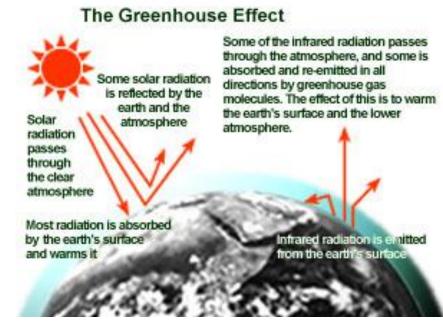


Since the atmospheric air pushes in all directions is difficult to notice its existence. We will be able to notice it if we avoid that the air pushes an object in a particular direction.

Air can not push the water down through the glass, but pushes it up, for this reason, the water does not fall.

THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

The greenhouse effect is the rise in temperature that the Earth experiences because of the existence of certain gases in the atmosphere such as water vapour, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and methane that trap energy from the sun. Without these gases, the heat would escape back into space and Earth's average temperature would be about - 18 °C. Because of the way they warm our world, these gases are referred to as greenhouse gases.

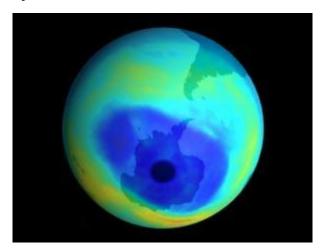


The Earth's atmosphere is all around us. It is the air we breathe. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere behave much like the glass panes in a greenhouse. Sunlight enters the Earth's atmosphere, passing through the blanket of greenhouse gases. As it reaches the Earth's surface, land, water, and biosphere absorb the sunlight energy. Once absorbed, this energy is sent back into the atmosphere. Some of the energy passes back into space, but much of it remains trapped in the atmosphere by the greenhouse gases, causing our world to heat up.

THE OZONE LAYER

Ozone is a light blue gas, poison for people, which occurs because of storms. Although there is ozone in all the atmosphere, the greatest concentration is reached in the stratosphere. Stratospheric ozone is mostly found between 15 to 35 km above the Earth's surface. This layer is protecting us from ultraviolet radiation from the Sun, exercising therefore, beneficial action.

Ozone concentration is always small. Although we talk about a layer ozone, that layer does not exist, because ozone is always mixed with air gases.



The ozone hole is an area similar in size to the United States, placed on Antarctica. In this area there is a decrease of more than 60 % in the concentration of ozone.

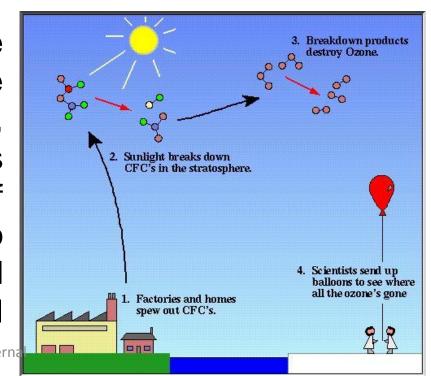
Nowadays the amount of ozone is recovering.

If the amount of ozone decreases in the stratosphere, more ultraviolet radiation from the Sun will come to Earth and this will cause a greater amount of cases of skin cancer, eye damage and will attack the human immune system.

THE OZONE LAYER

Chlorine plays a very important role in the destruction of the atmospheric ozone. Chlorine did not exist in the atmosphere due to natural causes, but in recent decades its amount increased due to the emission of gases called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) into the air. These substances have been used in refrigerators, air conditioners, sprays and some fire extinguishers.

These gases can upload up to the stratosphere, where decompose due to the ultraviolet radiation, releasing chlorine atoms, and this begins its task of destruction of ozone. This process contributes to the thinning of the ozone layer and allow larger quantities of harmful ultraviolet rays to reach the searth ales Berna



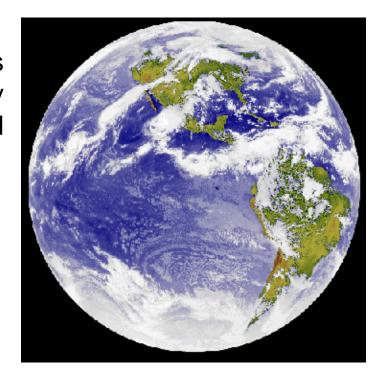
THE HYDROSPHERE

The hydrosphere is the liquid water component of the Earth. It includes oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, ground waters (aquifers) and ice waters of both polar icecaps.

The hydrosphere covers about 70% of the Earth surface and is the home for many plants and animals. It is important because all living beings need water to survive.

Water is a substance also found in other parts of the Solar System but the Earth is the only planet where there are large amounts of liquid water.

On Earth, we can find water in the three states of matter: solid, liquid and gaseous.



ORIGIN OF WATER ON EARTH

It is believed that when the Earth formed, water was within rocks. Due to Earth high temperatures, around 600 degrees, liquid water didn't exist.

When Earth was cooling down, water began to condense and the first hydrosphere was formed.

This hydrosphere was different than the current, contained dissolved acids that attacked rocks.

As a result of chemical reactions, salts were obtained, such as sodium chloride and acids disappeared.

Part of the hydrosphere water comes from the collision of comets with Earth which are essentially formed by ice. According to scientists, about 14%.

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DISTRIBUTION OF WATER ON EARTH

Seas and oceans constitute the 97,5 per cent of the total water and continental waters, 2,5 %.

- Of continental waters
- > 73,9 per cent is in the form of ice
- > 25,7 per cent are ground waters
- 1 per cent are surface waters (rivers, lakes, ponds, streams)

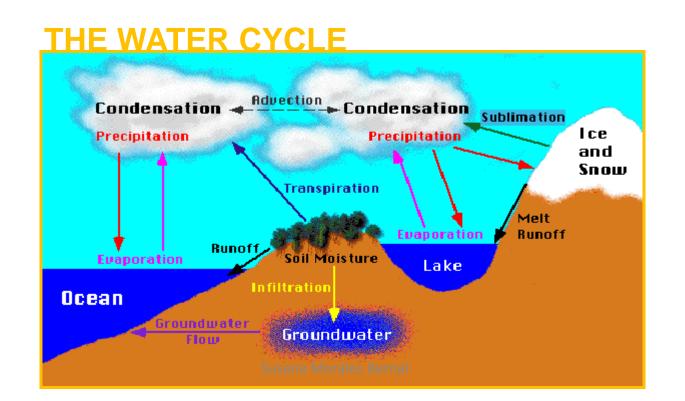
Of surface waters

- > 52 per cent is in lakes
- > 38 per cent is impregnating the ground
- > 1 per cent is in rivers
- > 1 per cent is part of living beings
- 8 per cent is in the atmosphere (not in the hydrosphere)

THE WATER CYCLE

Earth water is always in movement, and the water cycle, describes the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of Earth.

Although the total amount of water in the Earth changes very little, water is not always in the same place or in the same state.



CLOUDS, FOG, DEW AND FROST

Clouds are formed by condensation of gaseous water in the atmosphere. That gaseous water originates from the surface waters evaporation, mainly from seas, but also from rivers, lakes, marshes and even soil moisture. **Clouds** are made up of small liquid water droplets.

Drops of water do not fall, firstly because they are very small and secondly because the raising air, pushes them up.

When there is a lot of water in the air and a low temperature, the **fog** is formed.

Fog are clouds at ground level.

What is **dew**? All air contains moisture, which is called *water vapour*. When air cools during the night, the moisture is cooled and water droplets are formed on the grass and plants. **This is dew**.

What is **frost**? When the temperature falls below freezing point, the moisture in the air freezes into ice crystals and they settle on grass and plants. **This is frost.**







RAIN, SNOW AND HAIL

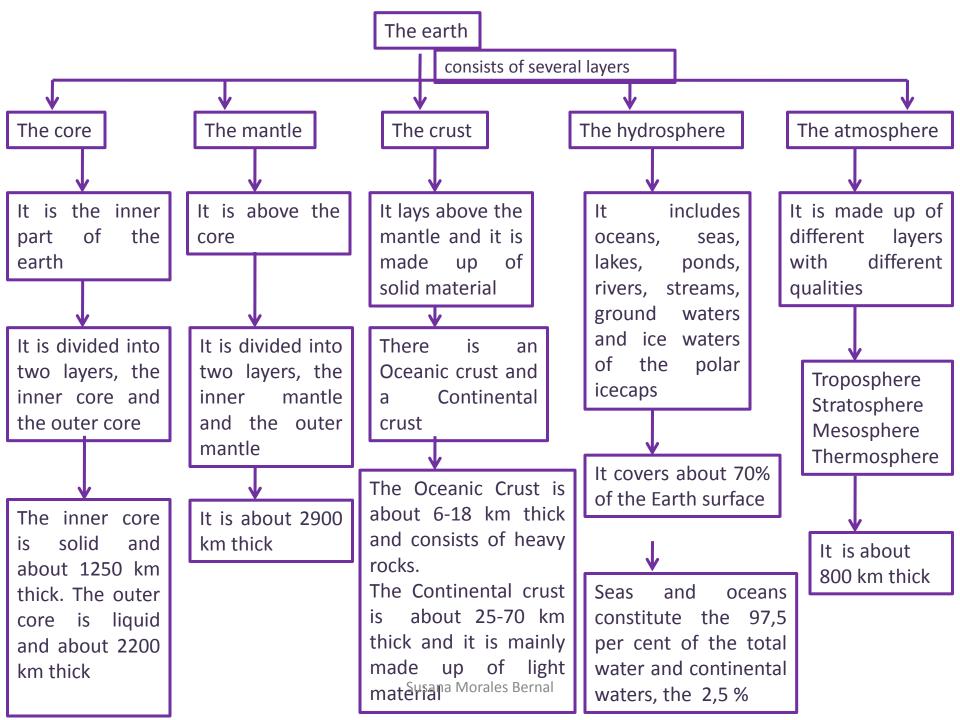
Rain, snow and hail come from clouds when clouds form larger drops, fall due to its weight. This is rain. If the temperature is very low, the water droplets solidify in small crystals and form the snowflakes or hail.



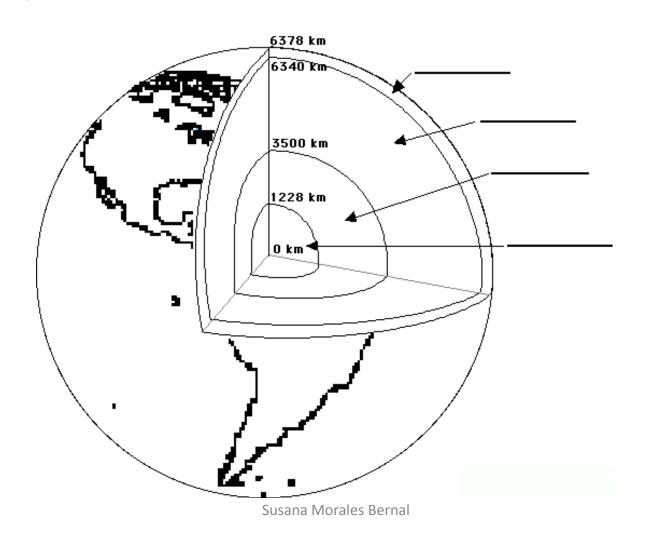
THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER TO LIFE

Life probably evolved in water. Life absolutely depends on the properties of water.

- Water is a vital component of the human body. Between 50-60 per cent of our total body mass is made up from water. In fact an average lean healthy man who weighs 70 kg contains roughly 42 litres of water.
- ☐ All living beings have water inside (living cells are 70% 95% water).
- ☐ Almost every chemical processes occurring in nature take place between substances dissolved in water (water is recognized as a natural solvent).
- Living beings need water to live. It is necessary in nutrition (water is required for the absorption and digestion of food, transfers nutrients and oxygen to the cells), to eliminate waste and temperature control (it acts as natural air conditioning system).
- Many living beings are adapted to move and breathe the oxygen dissolved in water in the aquatic environment.



Label the following layers of Earth. Then write two interesting facts about each layer.



Where is most water found on Earth?

- A. In glaciers
- B. In lakes
- C. In rivers
- D. In seas and oceans

The percentages of the gases in the atmosphere are:

- A. 10% Nitrogen, 50% Oxygen, 40% Carbon Dioxide
- B. 20% Nitrogen, 70% Oxygen, 10% Carbon Dioxide
- C. 58% Nitrogen, 31% Oxygen, 11% Argon
- D. 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen, 1% Argon

Why is the ozone layer called a protective layer?

- A. It protects the Sun
- B. It protects the ozone
- C. It protects the Earth
- D. It protects the atmosphere

Where is the ozone layer?

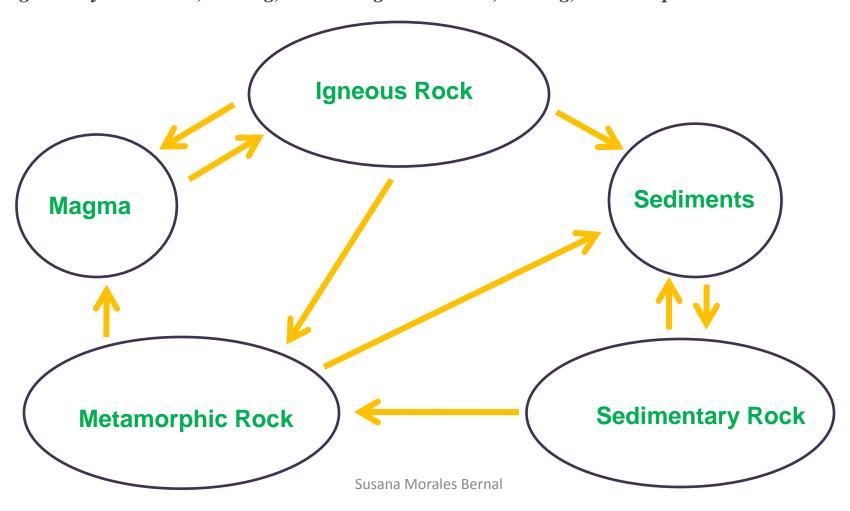
- A. Between 5 and 10 km
- B. Between 15 and 35 km
- C. Between 50 and 100 km
- D. Between 10 and 50 km

What's the name of the lower atmosphere that contains the greenhouse gases?

- A. Stratosphere
- B. It doesn't have a name
- C. It's just called atmosphere
- D. Troposphere

Complete the diagram by adding labels in the correct place. Use words from the box.

compaction and cementation, weathering and erosion, heat and pressure, weathering and erosion, cooling and crystallisation, melting, weathering and erosion, melting, heat and pressure



Join with arrows.

- A. A naturally occurring, nonliving solid with a definite structure and composition
- B. A mixture of minerals
- C. Processes by which rocks form and change
- D. A hard silicate mineral
- E. An igneous rock made up of mica, feldspar, quartz

- 1. Rock
- 2. Mineral
- 3. Quartz
- 4. Granite
- 5. Rock cycle

Relate the following phrases with the geological processes that give rise to different types of rocks.

Sedimentary processes, metamorphic processes, magmatic processes

PHRASES	GEOLOGICAL PROCESSES
Cooling of molten material	
Compacting of sediments	
Transformation of minerals and rocks	

Indicate which part of the Earth belongs to:

- A. The water of a stream
- B. The sand of a beach
- C. Clouds
- D. Frost
- E. Mineral deposit

- 1. Hydrosphere
- 2. Hydrosphere
- 3. Crust
- 4. Atmosphere
- 5. Crust

Label the following atmosphere layers.



Atmospheric layers

550- ↑ km

80-550 km

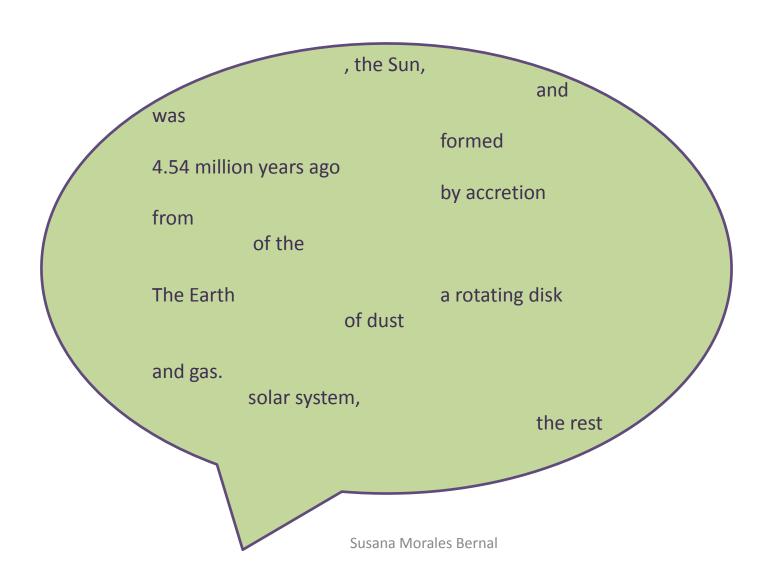
50-80 km 12-50 km 0-12 km

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Indicate the type of rock

ROCK	TYPE OF ROCK
GNEISS	
LIMESTONE	
GRANITE	
CONGLOMERATE	
MARBLE	
BASALT	
CLAY	
OBSIDIAN	
SLATE	
SANDSTONE	
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Put the following words in order to form a text with sense



Write down the corresponding noun.

VERB	NOUN
COOL	
PRECIPITATE	
CONDENSE	
HEAT	
EVAPORATE	
TRANSPIRE	
INFILTRATE	
MELT	
SUBLIMATE	
FREEZE	

Which of the following
products contains CFCs?

- A. Television sets
- B. Ovens
- C. Refrigerators
- D. All sprays

What is water vapour doing when it changes to water?

- A. Evaporating
- B. Condensing
- C. Precipitating
- D. Freezing

What can cause skin cancer, eye illnesses and crop damage?

- A. Tides
- B. An expanding ozone layer
- C. A thinner ozone layer
- D. The greenhouse effect

Which of these gases is not a greenhouse gas?

- A. Methane
- B. Water vapour
- C. Carbon monoxide
- D. Carbon dioxide

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What evaporates the most water from Earth's surface?

What is water doing when it is changed to water vapour?

- A. Volcanoes
- B. The sun
- C. Lightning
- D. Wind

A. Evaporating

- B. Condensing
- C. Precipitating
- D. Freezing

A hole in the ozone layer increases the risk of:

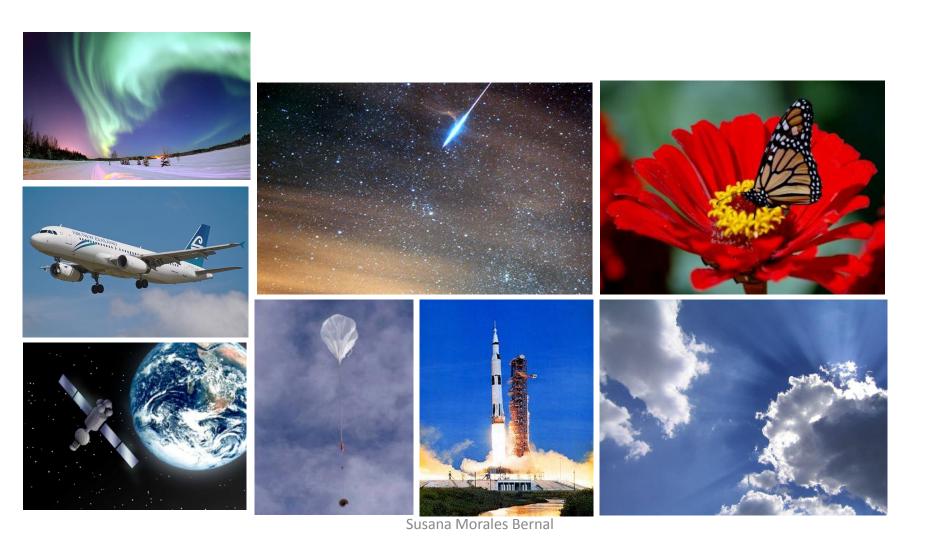
- A. Global warming
- B. Global freezing
- C. Skin cancer
- D. Heart attack

Which of these processes do not take place in the water cycle?

- A. Precipitation
- B. Condensation
- C. Electrolysis
- D. Evaporation

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Indicate the layer of the atmosphere where these pictures are



Are the following phrases true or false? Explain your answer.

- A. The most abundant geochemical elements are oxygen and silicon
- B. The plant pot is a natural material
- C. The oceanic crust is formed by the area of the crust which is submerged
- D. A rock is a mixture of minerals
- E. The simple substances iron and aluminium are found in the Earth's crust
- F. The glass is a natural material
- G. Those countries that do not produce CFCs, will not be affected by holes in the ozone layer
- H. The greenhouse effect and ozone hole are not the same

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Unscramble the following words.

A.	theriholspe	
B.	nwso	
C.	sadocneonnti	
D.	aytrcsl	
E.	sruct	
F.	segotgloi	
G.	reco	
Н.	eonzo	
l.	yclce	
J.	ntlaem	— — — Susana Morales Bernal

Revise your vocabulary. Choose a word and fill the blanks below.

Without, Clouds, ozone, Fog, meteorological, rock, gases, frost, atmosphere, ultraviolet, greenhouse, atmosphere, condensation, freezing, minerals, cools, harmful, air, core, troposphere, hydrosphere, mantle, crust, on, hydrosphere, rise, liquid, dew, stratosphere

Α.	The earth consists of several layers. The three main layers are the, the and the
B.	The earth is surrounded by the and the
C.	The is the which surrounds the Earth this atmosphere life earth is not possible.
D.	The phenomena occur. Above this
	layer is the, between 12 and 50 km high, within the stratosphere is the ozone layer, that absorbs the Sun's
E.	A is an aggregate of that is formed during geological processes.
F.	The is the water component of the Earth.
G.	The effect is the in temperature that the Earth experiences because of
	the existence of certain in the atmosphere.
H.	If the amount of decreases in the stratosphere, more radiation
	from the Sun will come to Earth.
l.	are formed by of gaseous water in the atmosphere.
J.	are clouds at ground level. When air during the night, the moisture is cooled
	and water droplets form on the grass and plants. This is
K.	When the temperature falls below point, the moisture in the air freezes into ice
	crystals and they settle on grass and plants. This is

GLOSSARY

Accretion	Hail	Seabed
Aquifer	Hydrosphere	Sedimentary rock
Atmosphere	Ice waters	Seismology
Cell	Igneous rock	Shallow
Cloud	Inner	Shelf
Continental	Ionosphere	Shore
Core	Lake	Snowflakes
Crust	Layer	Stratosphere
Cycle	Lithosphere	Stream
Dew	Living beings	Structure
Disk	Mantle	Thermosphere
Drop	Mesosphere	To attack
Droplet	Metamorphic rock	To cover
Dust	Oceanic	To evolve
Exosphere	Outer	To find out
Fog	Ozone	To settle
Frost	Polar icecaps	To surround
Ground waters	Pond Susana Morales Bernal	Troposphere