

Earth's Energy & The Seasons You must understand this...

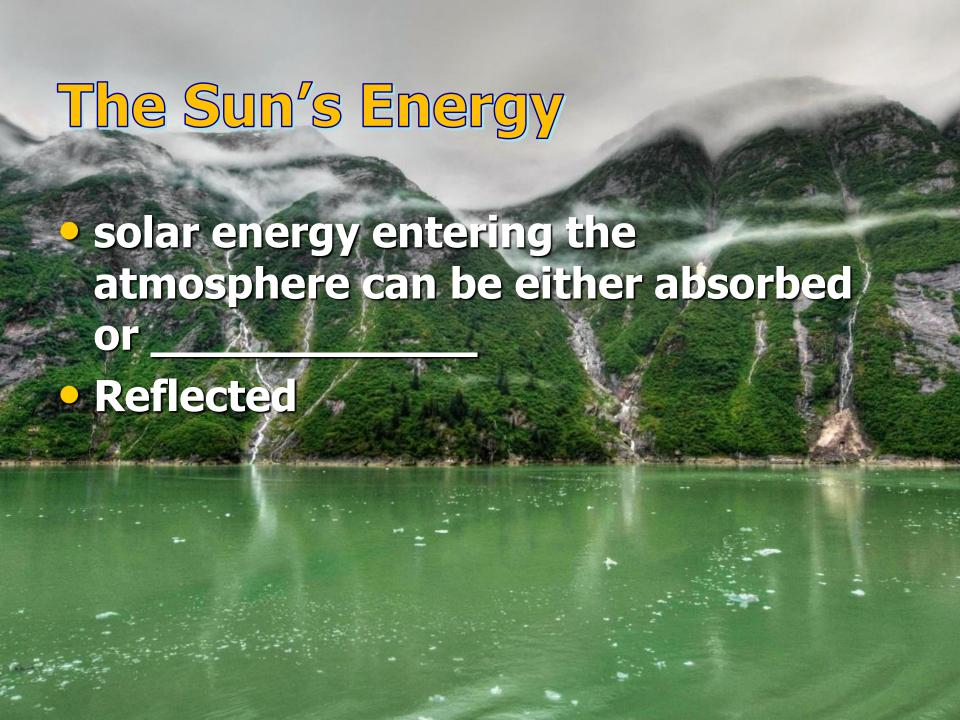
- Why is it important that we understand energy and heat transfer?
- The topics you have studied are related to the transfer of energy. Weather fronts transfer energy. Wind transfers energy. The Sun transfers energy. Water transfers energy. Our atmosphere stores energy.

Earth's Energy & The Seasons

- We need to understand the transfer of energy to better understand how our planet operates under optimal conditions.
- In other words, we have to understand how we may have an impact on the heat transferred in our own environment.

Earth's Energy (HEAT)

- HEAT All things are made up of molecules
 - When things get heated, they absorb heat energy
 - With more energy, molecules are able to move faster
- When molecules move faster, the temperature rises

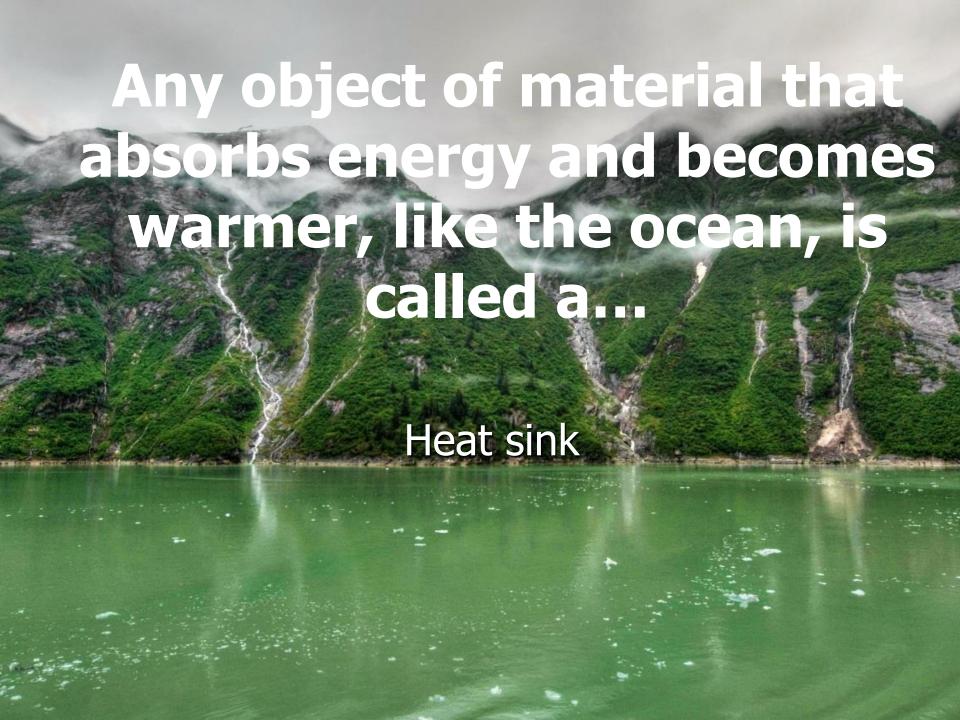


Albedo: What has the highest albedo, ice or sand

Whiter objects reflect more of the suns energy. Albedo is the measure of reflection in a material

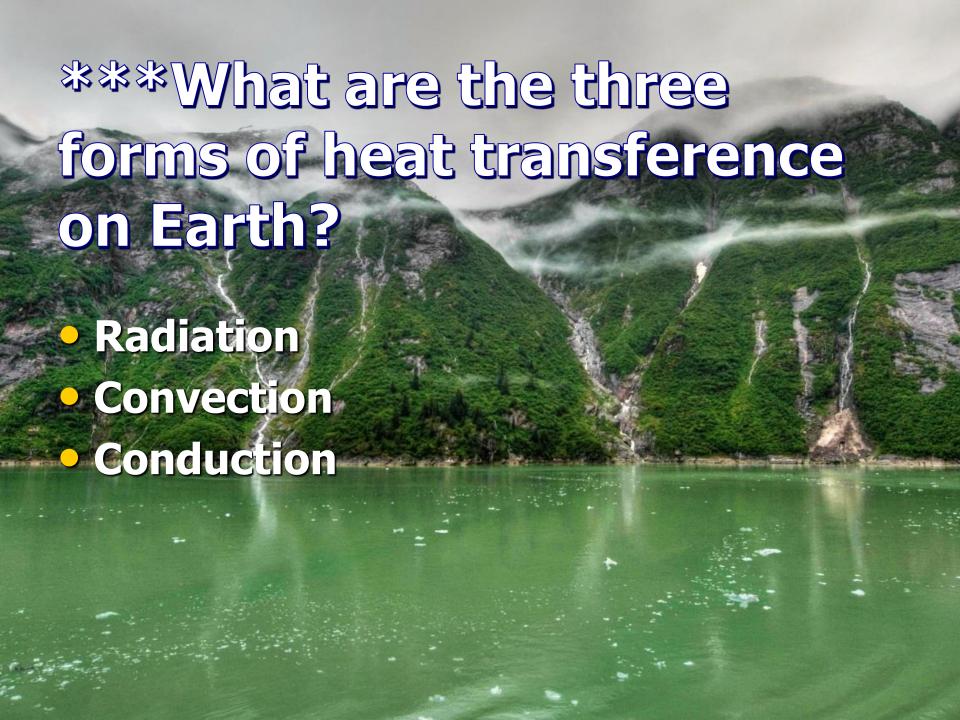
Ice

Water
Sand
Rocks
Grass and trees



How much of the Sun's energy is captured by the Earth?

- About 50%
- About 20% is taken up in the atmosphere before it ever reaches the ground

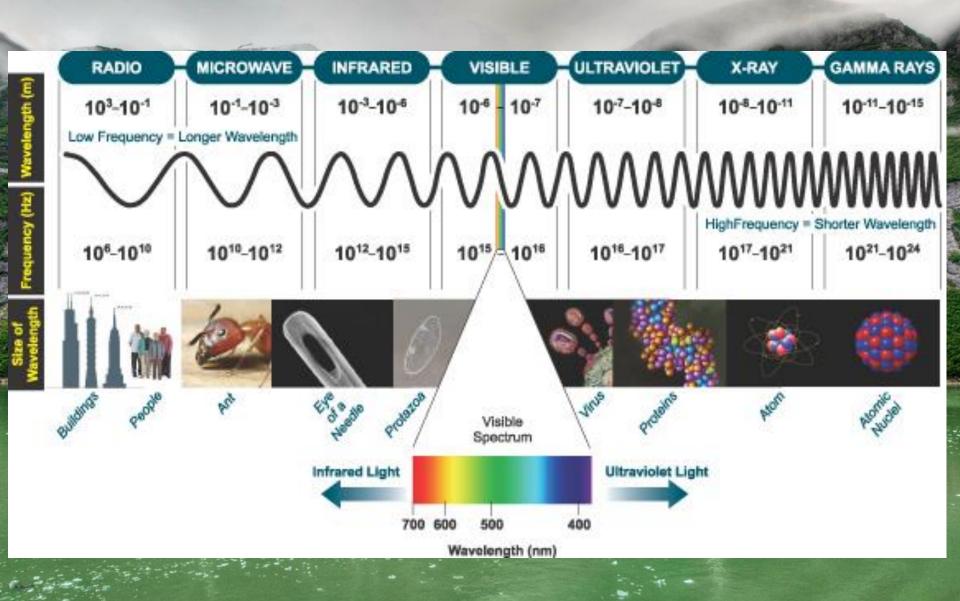


Explain heat transference from radiation

- Radiation emits from the Sun in the form of waves
- Waves can be found on the electromagnetic spectrum

What is the electromagnetic spectrum and name 4 parts

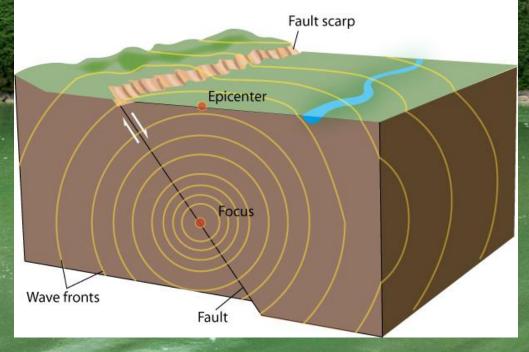
- energy which travels in waves of different energy levels
- the visible spectrum (the part of the suns energy which we can see as light) is only a small range of the energy released by the sun



What waves require a medium?

Water, sound, seismic waves

Seismic Waves Radiate from the Focus of an Earthquake

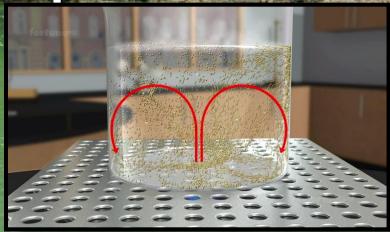


Explain heat transference from convection

 Convection is the transfer of energy by movement of particles in a fluid (liquid/gas)

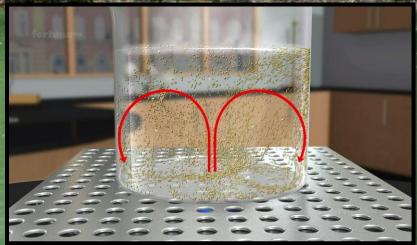
Evaporation is an example of

convection



Question: Can convection occur in space?

Convection requires gravity to pull downward on water when it becomes more dense from cooling. Without gravity there is no convection



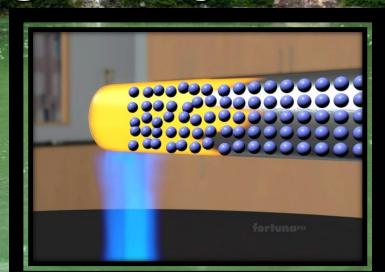
Explain heat transference from conduction

 transfer of energy occurs when a particle with high energy <u>hits</u> a particle with lower energy

energy is passed through an object

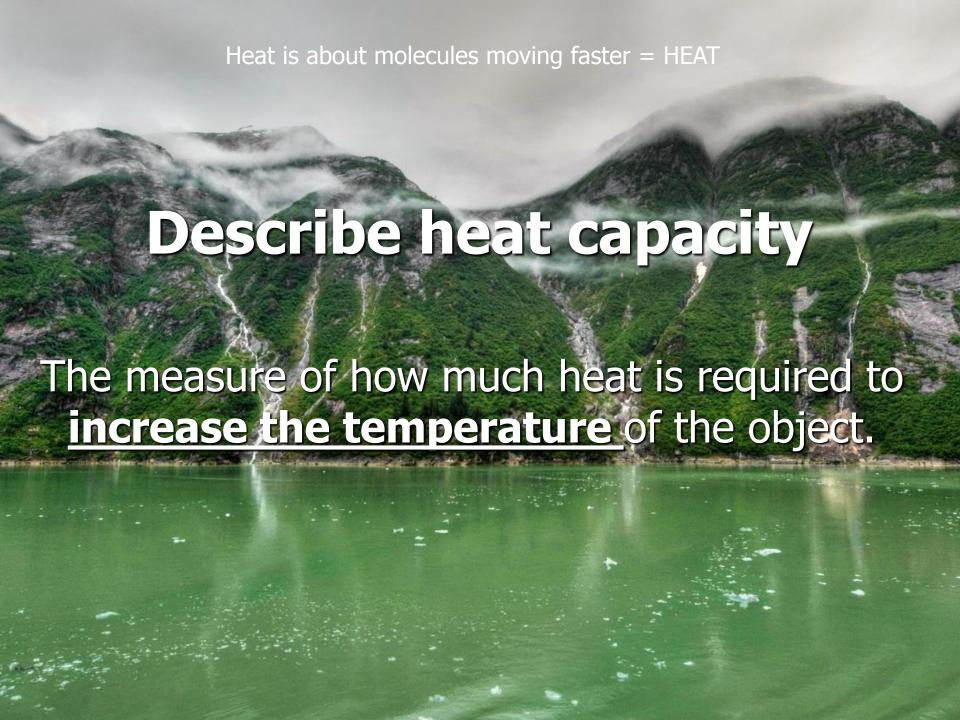
from atom to atom

Only occurs in solids



Heat is about Molecules

- Radiation = waves from the Sun
- Convection =
 - heat transferred in liquids and gas
 - water currents, water molecules
 - Movement...of molecules when heated
- Conduction =
 - Direct transfer by touch, atom to atom
 - Only solids



How can a sandy beach be used to describe heat capacity?

On a sandy beach, the sand has a low heat capacity and therefore absorbs energy quickly changing temperature. The water on the other hand takes much longer to absorb energy and change temperature.



Metal has a low heat capacity compared to water which takes longer to heat and cool





What is the difference between rotation and revolution?

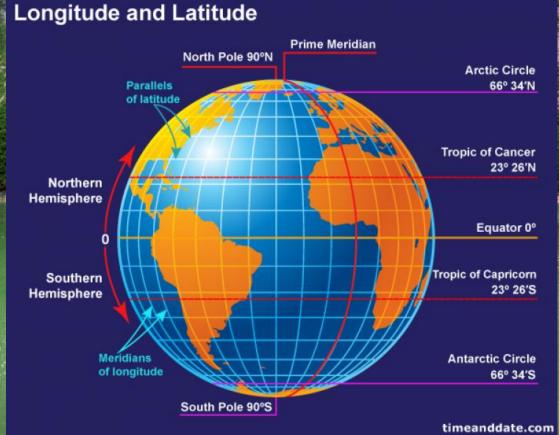
Rotation involves one complete 360 degree turn of a body

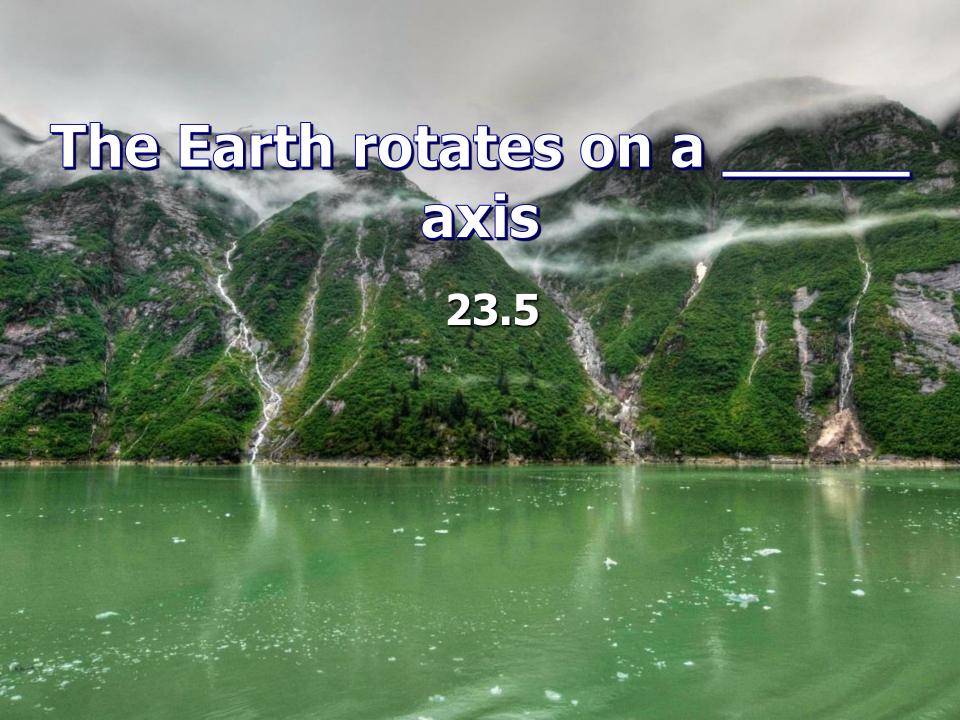
A revolution is one full circle or orbit around another object

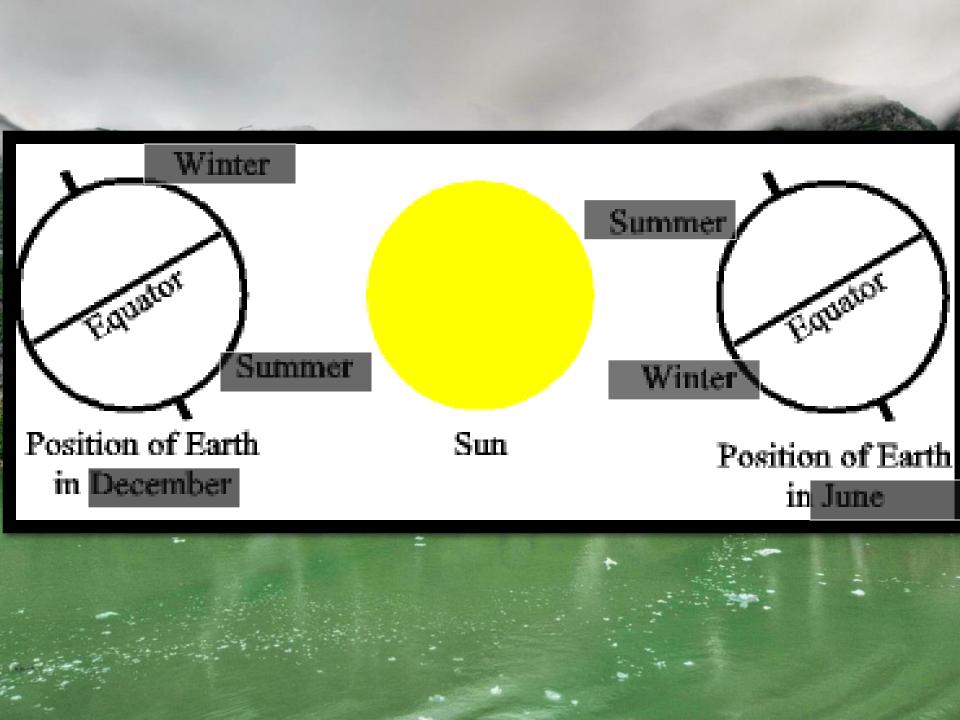
Does the Earth rotate east to west or west to east? Eastward so West to East

Does latitude run up and down or right to left across the globe?



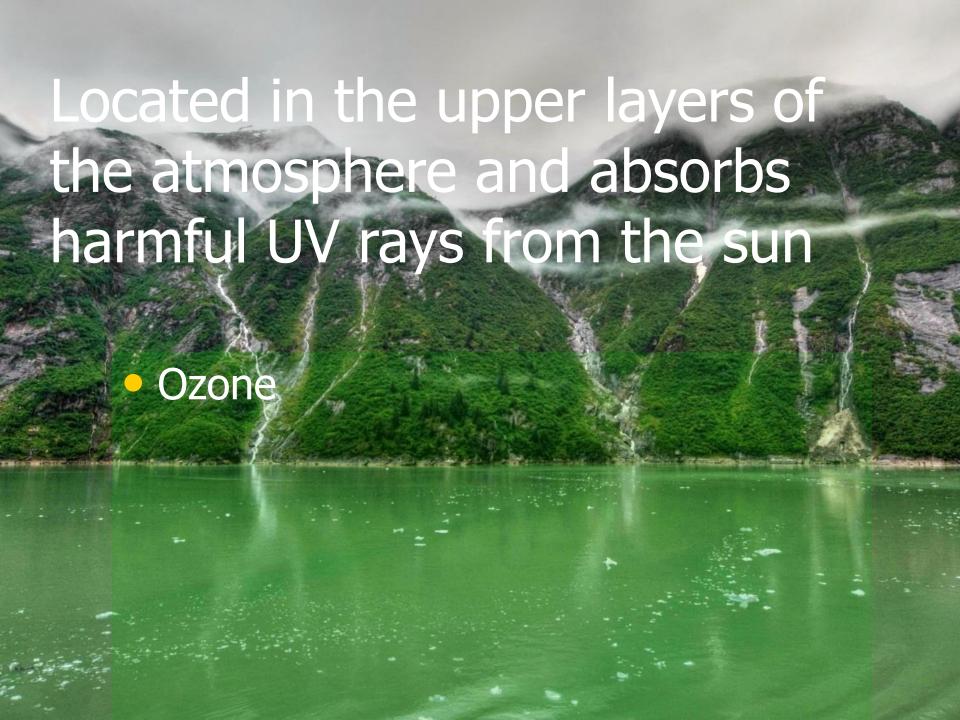






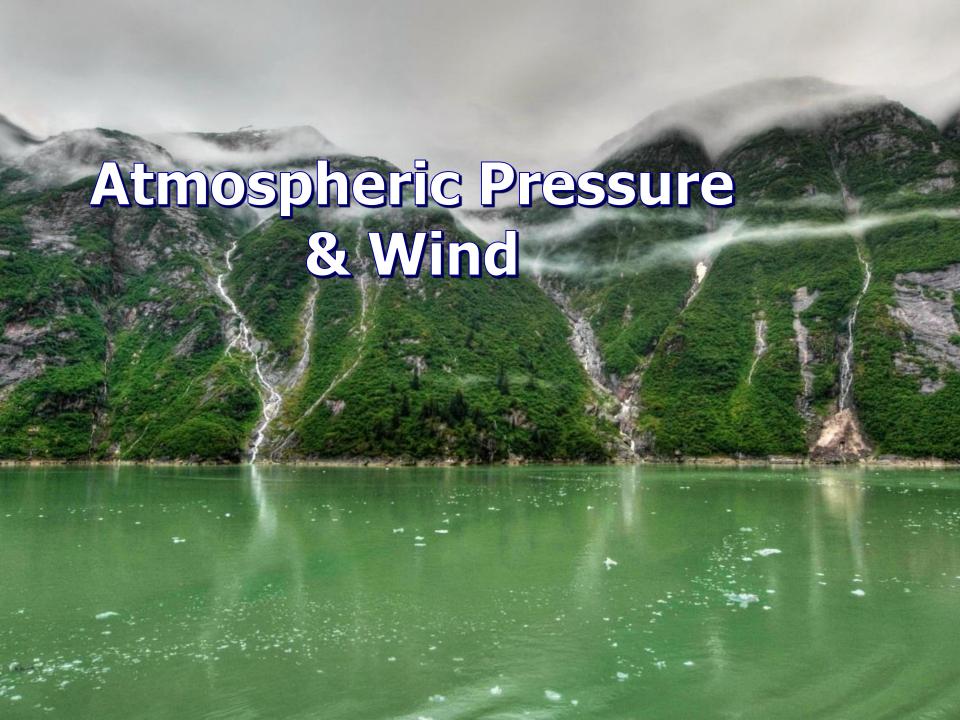






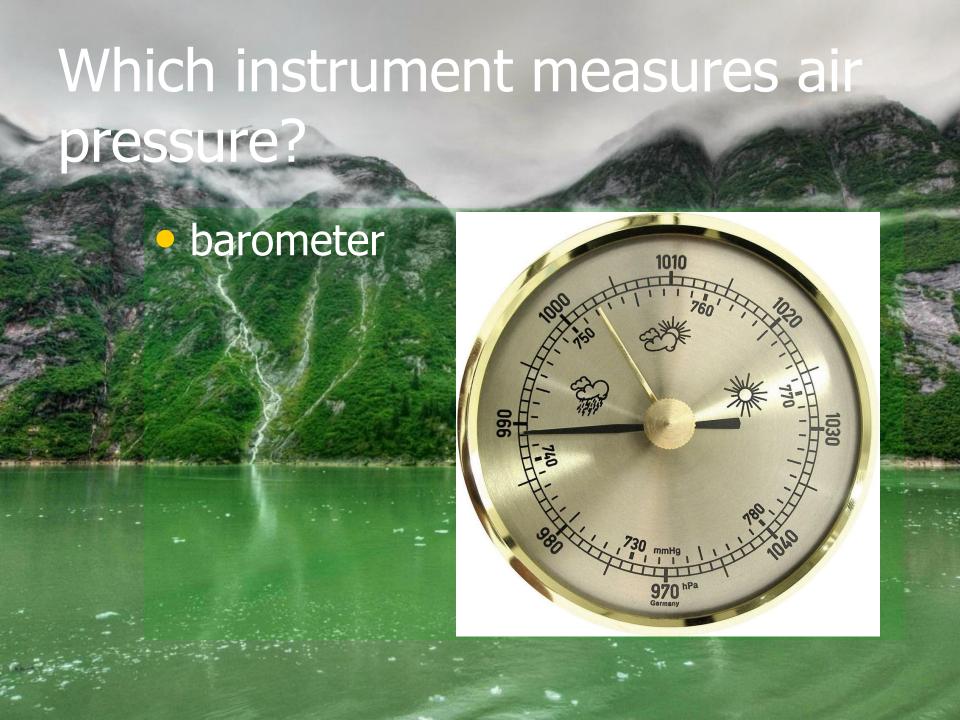






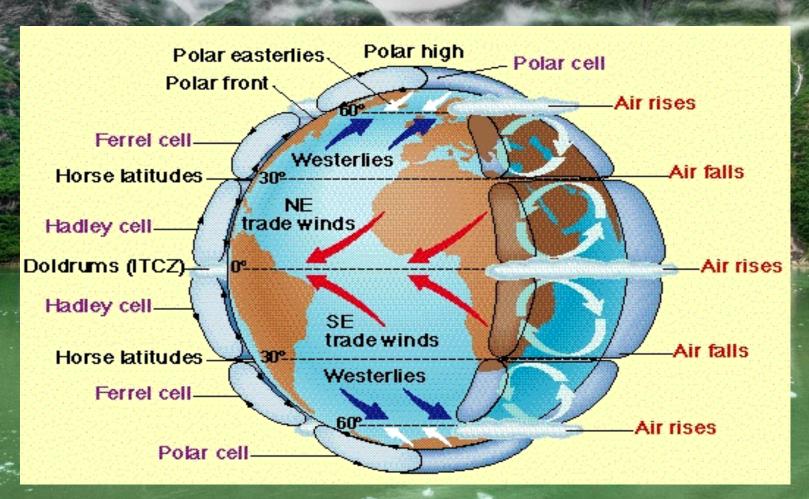
Explain where wind comes from and what creates a situation for more wind

- Wind is a movement of air in the atmosphere. Air has density so it can be felt when it moves
- Some winds are **localized**, and some are **prevailing winds** which affect large areas and are created from the Earth's rotation
- At the Earth's surface, wind always blows from areas of high pressure to areas of low pressure. The greater the difference in pressures the greater the wind felt

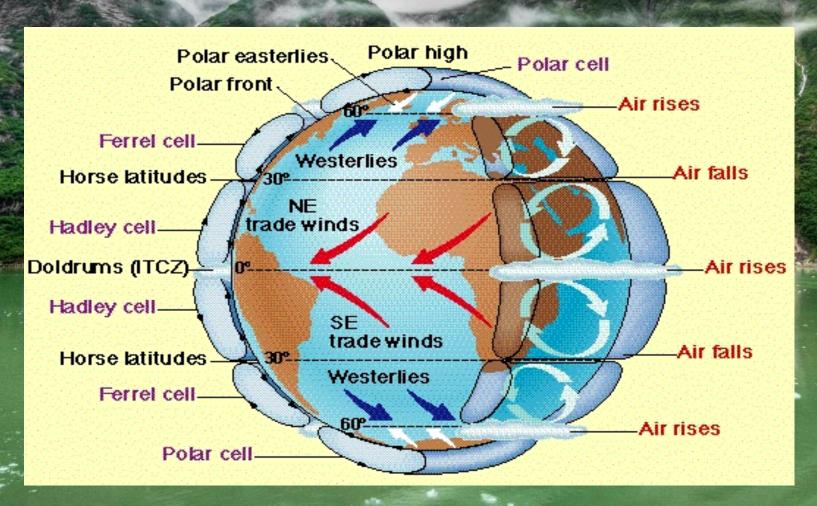


the force of the air pressing down on the earth's surface **Atmospheric Pressure**

Based on the image below, where do the winds in the range of 30 degrees to 60 degrees latitude originate?



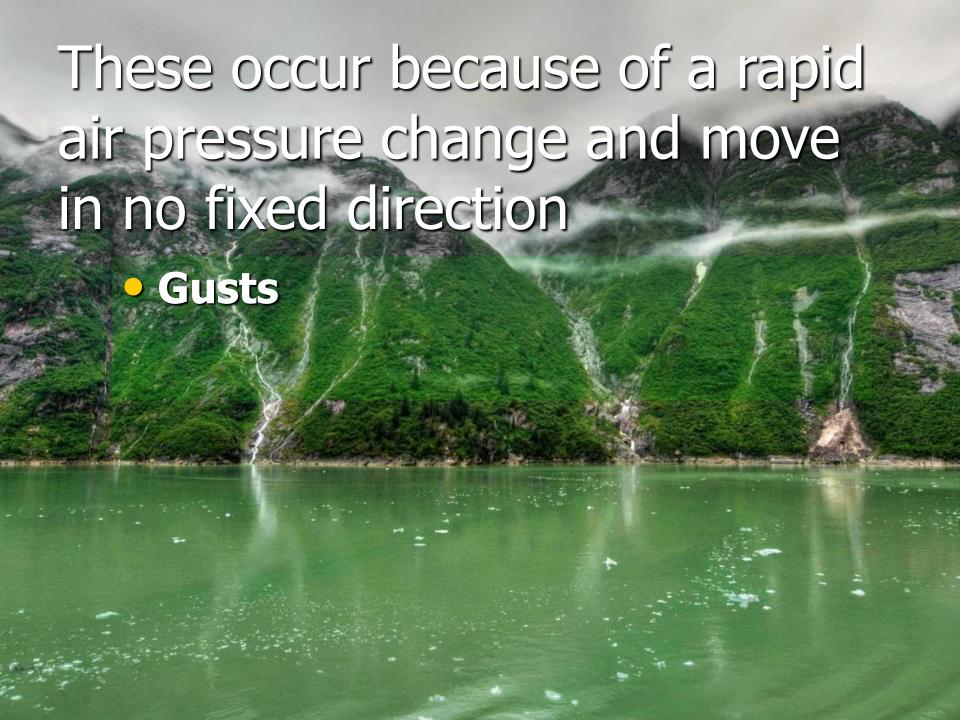
Based on the image below, where do the winds in the range of 60 degrees to the poles originate?

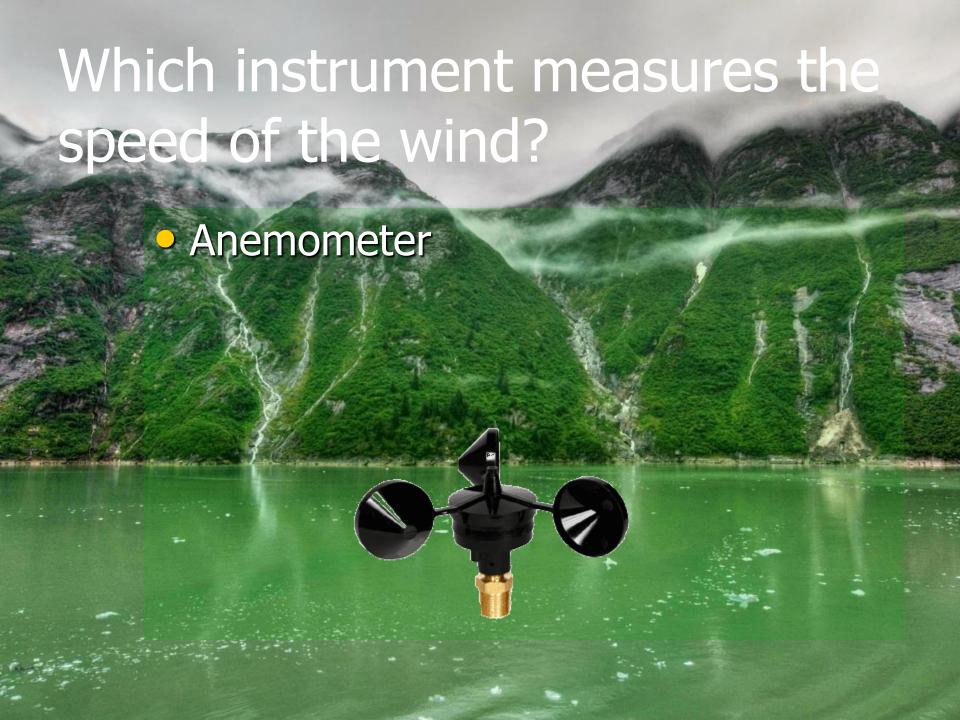




Low pressure areas are caused by localized heating. Warm air rises making the air at the ground less dense...low pressure











What are the states of Water?

- The Earth's water is continually recycled, simply changing states:
 - Gas (water vapor)
 - Liquid (water)
 - Solid (ice)



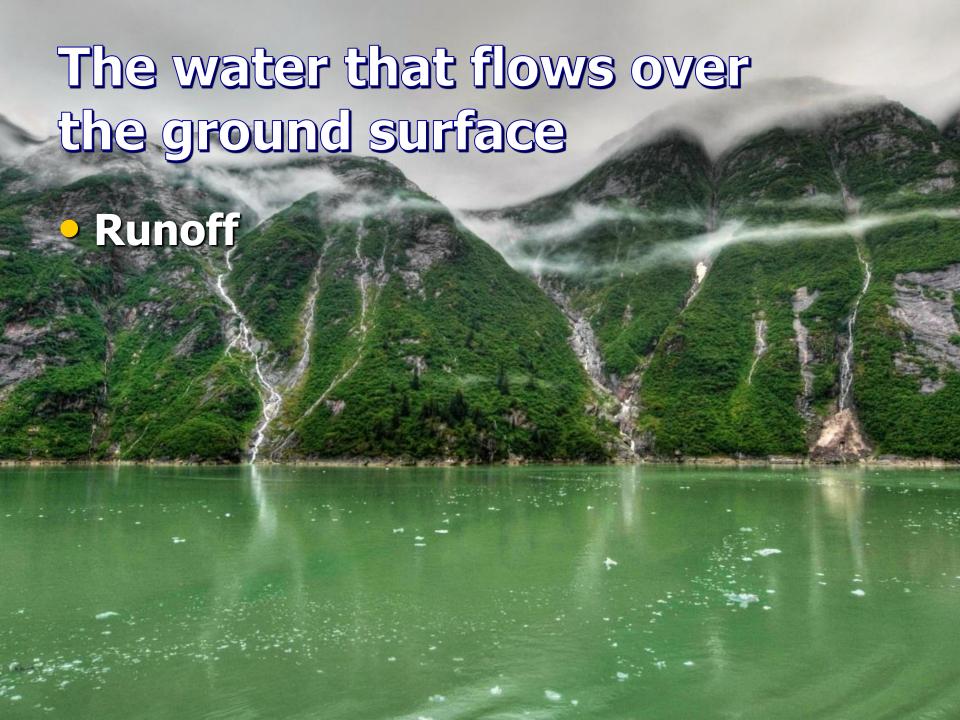


 The relative humidity tells us how "full" the air is at the time of measurement.



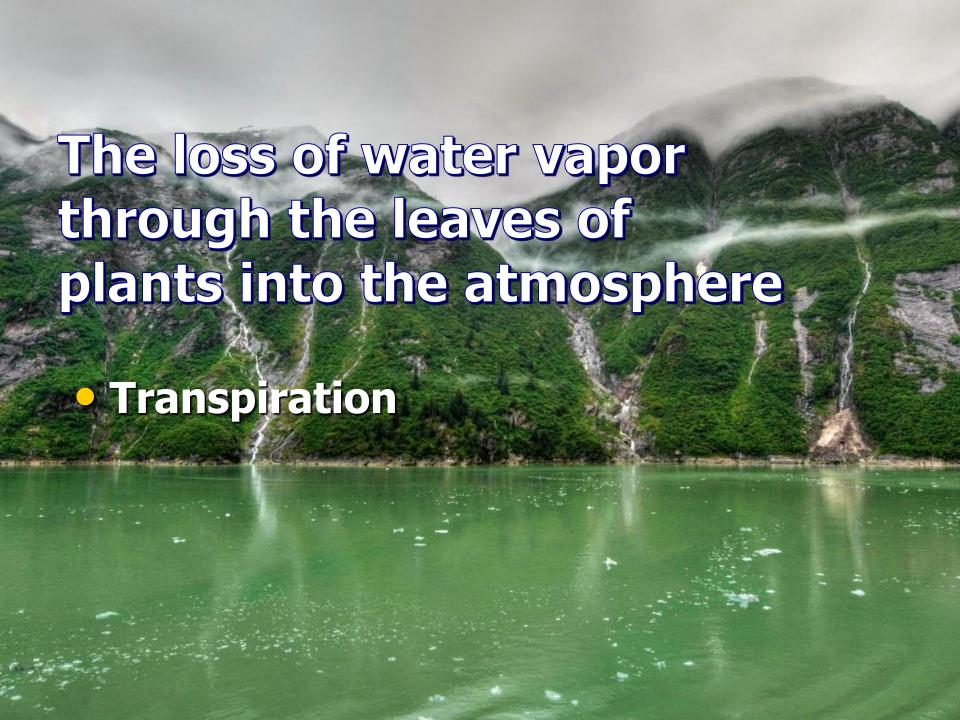
 For example, 90% relative humidity means that at that moment the air is holding 90% of the maximum amount of water it could.





The water that soaks into the ground forming pockets of groundwater. The downward movement of water through soil and rock

Percolation



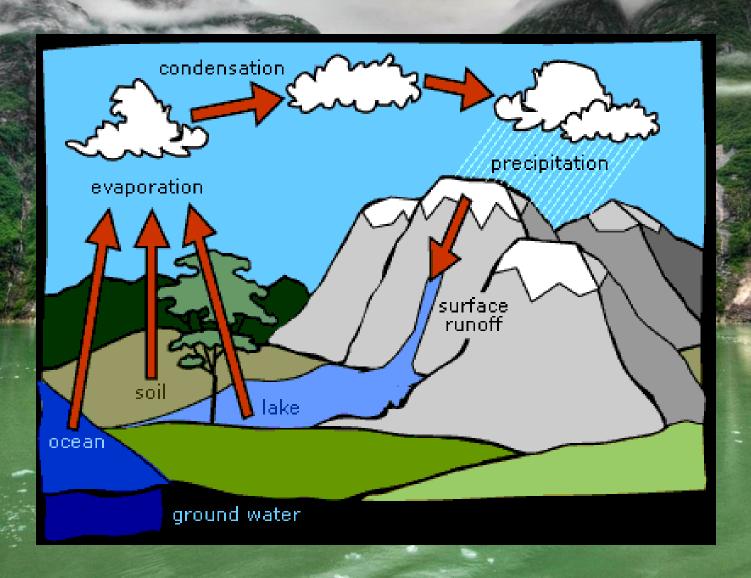
Explain the Hydrologic Cycle

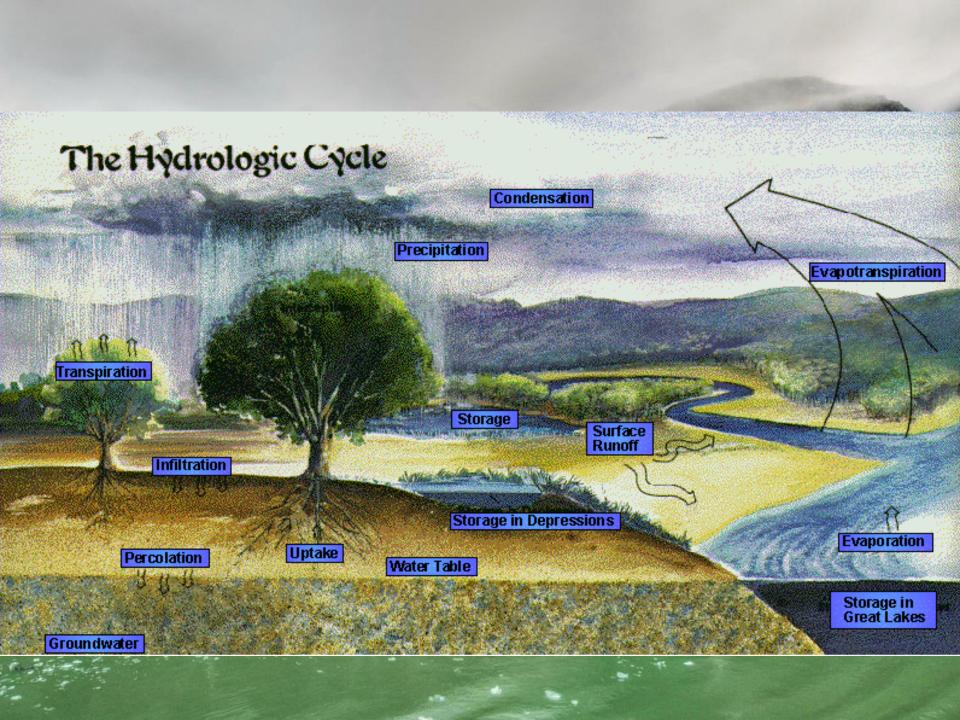
- Start with how water gets to the atmosphere:
 - Through Evaporation
- Through Transpiration
- Condensation Water in a gas state then condenses as it cools (dewpoint) to form clouds.
- When clouds collect enough condensed water it will fall as precipitation

Explain the Hydrologic Cycle

- Precipitation will fall to the ground and <u>runoff</u> into lakes and streams. Some will be stored
- Precipitation will fall to the ground to be used by plants (uptake)
- Some water will percolate and diffuse into the ground to remain as ground water

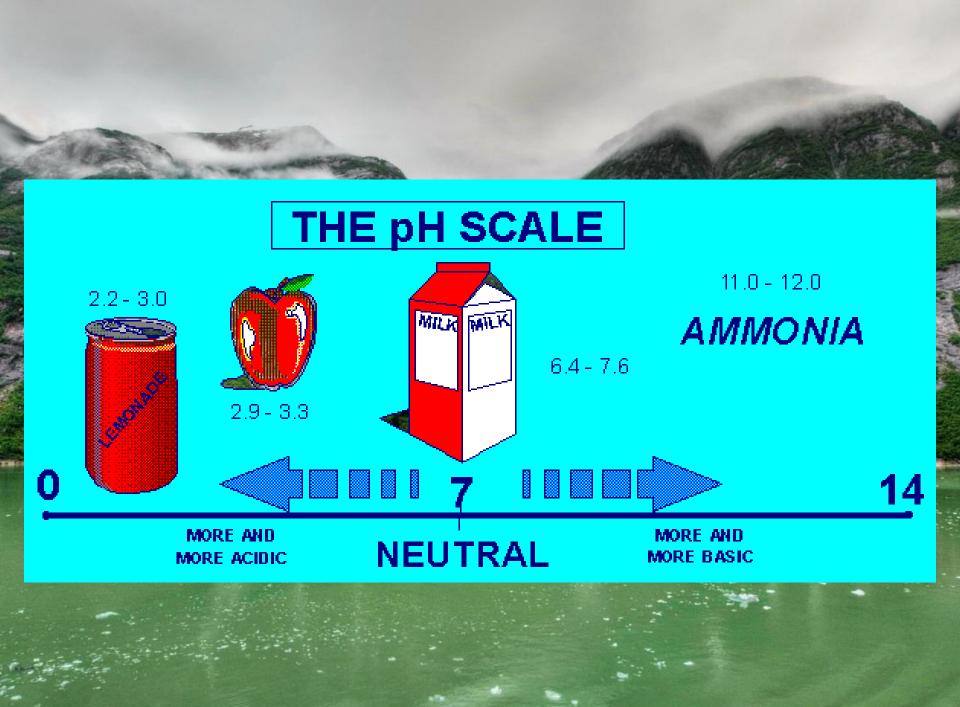
Hydrologic Cycle = Water Cycle





Acid Rain

- Acid rain is formed primarily when pollutants that rise up into the air combine with water droplets
- Remember pH
 - A measure of the acidity or alkalinity (basic) in the solution
 - Measured using a pH meter
 - pH ranges from 0 to 14
 - Acidity solution with a pH of less than 7.0
 - Neutral pH 7.0
 - Basic solution with a pH of greater than 7.0

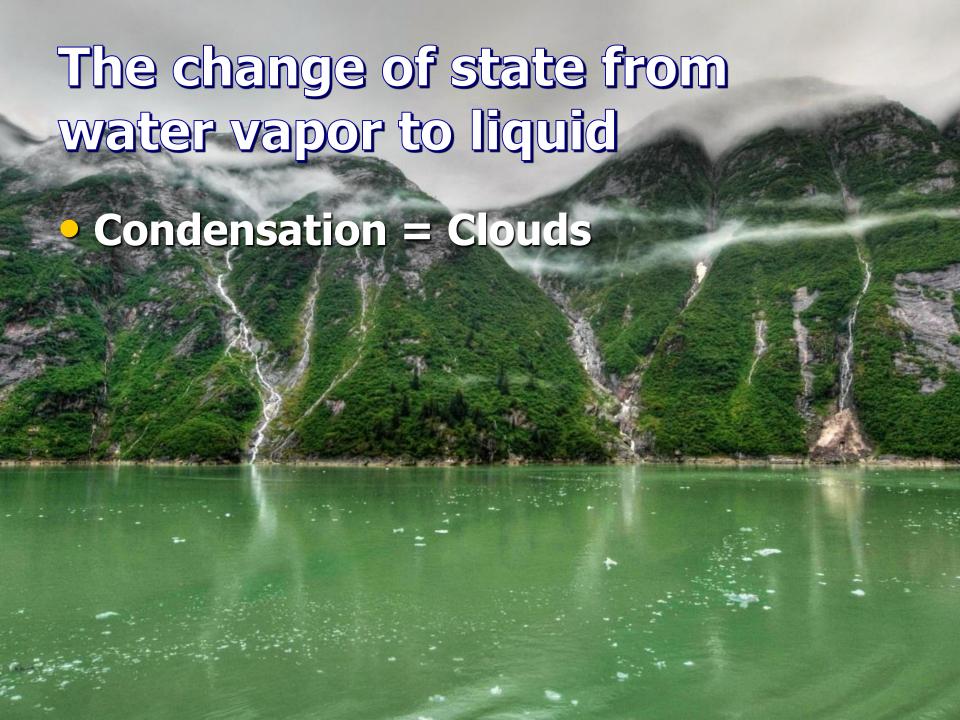


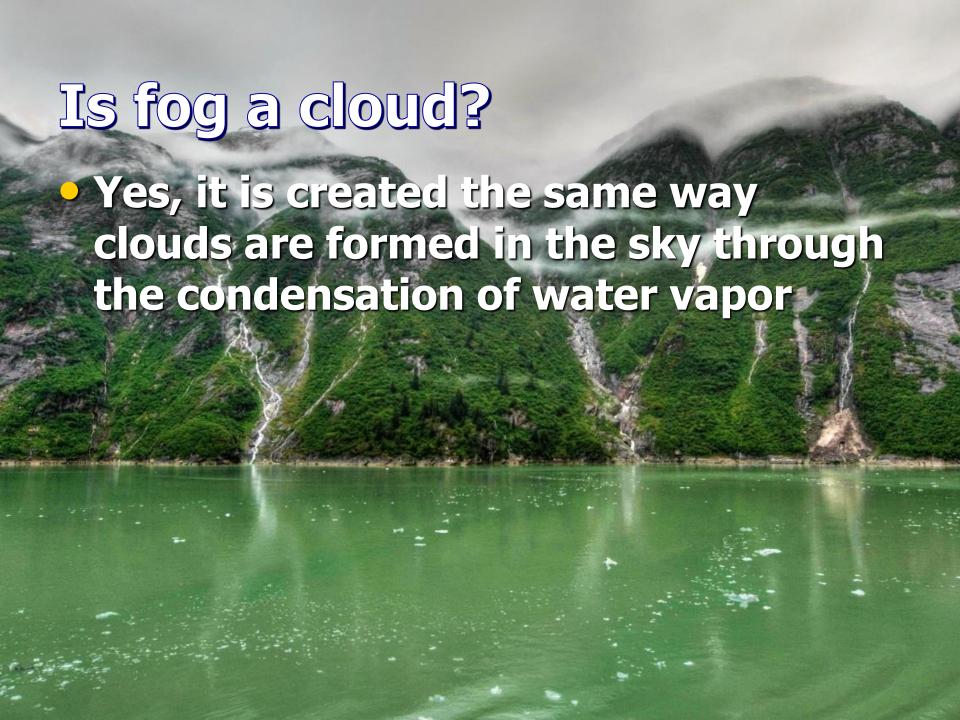
pH - Potential Hydrogen

- pH is a scale from 0 14 where:
- -0 6.9 = Acidic
- 7.0 = neutral
- 7.1-14 = Basic

- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
 More Acidic
 More Basic
- A pH of 3 is 10 times more acidic than pH of 4







Describe two of the three ways clouds are formed

- You know how clouds are primarily formed. It is through heating and evaporation. As the evaporated water condenses in the cooler atmosphere clouds are created
- This process is termed Convective cloud formation

Describe two of the three ways clouds are formed

- Another situation that can create clouds is the collision of an air mass with another that has a different temperature. This warm air mass and colder air mass can condense air into a cloud
- This process is termed frontal cloud formation

Describe two of the three ways clouds are formed

- The third way clouds can be formed is when land masses force air up into the atmosphere like a mountain. The forced air becomes cooled and condenses into a cloud
- This process is termed orographic cloud formation

The Layers of the Atmosphere

- Earth
- Troposphere
 - Jet stream winds occur here
 - -All weather takes place here
 - Includes Tropopause absorbs UV rays and contains ozone
- Stratosphere highest level of ozone
- Mesosphere
- Thermosphere
- Exosphere

These transport energy through the waters of the globe

- Ocean currents transport heat energy to colder regions at the poles
- The Gulf stream is responsible for bringing warm equatorial waters to Atlantic Canada and Europe