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- A1). All the water on, in, or near the Earth's surface.
- Q2. Why doesn't the water on earth float away into space?
- A2 As the water vapor (gas) gets higher in altitude, the temp decreases and the water gas loses energy and condenses into liquid and falls back to the surface as precipitation.

5 layers of Atmosphere

Composition: 78% Nitrogen, 21% Oxygen ~1% Other (80% in Troposphere)

Troposphere

Stratosphere

Mesosphere

Thermosphere

Exosphere

We want to know

- 1. What is the altitude?
- 2. What is the Temperature doing, why?
- 3. What is occurring?



Earth's Surface (Lithosphere)



Troposphere

- 1. 0 to 10 Km
- Temp I Alton
- 2. 40 to -60 Celsius

Radiation - Transfer of energy through space by visible light, ultraviolet radiations, and electromagnetic waves

Conduction - transfer of energy through physical contact

Convection - higher temp. air is less dense and rises, while cooler air is more dense and falls, creating convection currents.

3. Convectoin curents create the weather we know.

Stratosphere

1. 10 to 50 Km

2. Temp as altitude More Ozone, which absorbs more ultraviolet



radiation than air in troposphere.

3.Contains the Ozone Layer.

Mesosphere

- 1. 50 to 100 Km
- 2. Temp as Altitude

No Ozone, so no absorption of UV rays resulting in lower temperature at higher altitudes

3. No Ozone

Meteorites burn up

Thermosphere

- 1. 100 to 400/500 Km
- 2. Temp as altitude Absorbs energy from electromagnetic properties
- 3. Ionization zone, resulting in aurora



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GThxWmmvvk http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sa-3DoXHQQ



Exosphere

1. 400/500 Km and Greater(800 Km)

2. Close to Absolute Zero to 1,000s of degrees C

Would feel cold though.

3. Satellites orbit Earth in this layer

Contains lighter gasses such as helium and hydrogen. No clear boundary from exosphere and outer space.







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Homework: Ch 11 Atmosphere

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A4. Troposphere - Weather occurs Stratosphere - Ozone layer located here Mesosphere - No ozone, temp 1 as alt. 1 Thermosphere - Temp reaching 1000 C Exoshpere - Satellites orbit here