

NDA-CDS 2 2024

GK

LIVE

CLIMATOLOGY



RUBY MA'AM



06 June 2024 Live Classes Schedule

8:00AM -- 06 JUNE 2024 DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS RUBY MA'AM

9:00AM -- 06 JUNE 2024 DAILY DEFENCE UPDATES DIVYANSHU SIR

SSB INTERVIEW LIVE CLASSES

9:00AM -- OVERVIEW OF PPDT & PRACTICE ANURADHA MA'AM

AFCAT 2 2024 LIVE CLASSES

2:30PM -- STATIC GK - RAMSAR & LAKES IN INDIA DIVYANSHU SIR

4:00PM -- MATHS - ALGEBRA - CLASS 1 NAVJYOTI SIR

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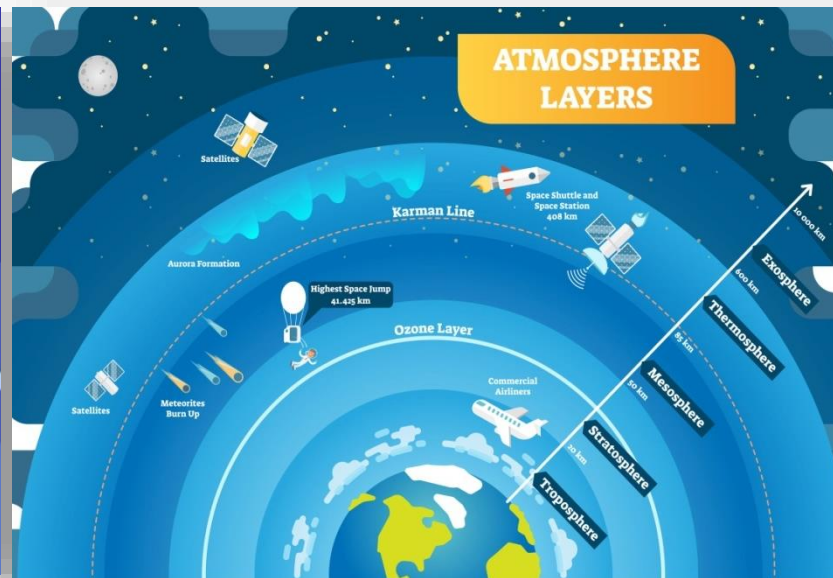
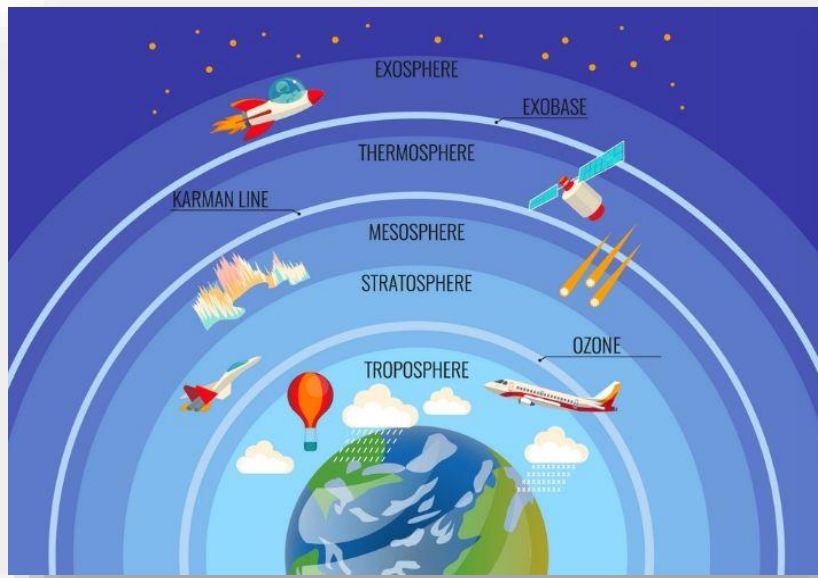
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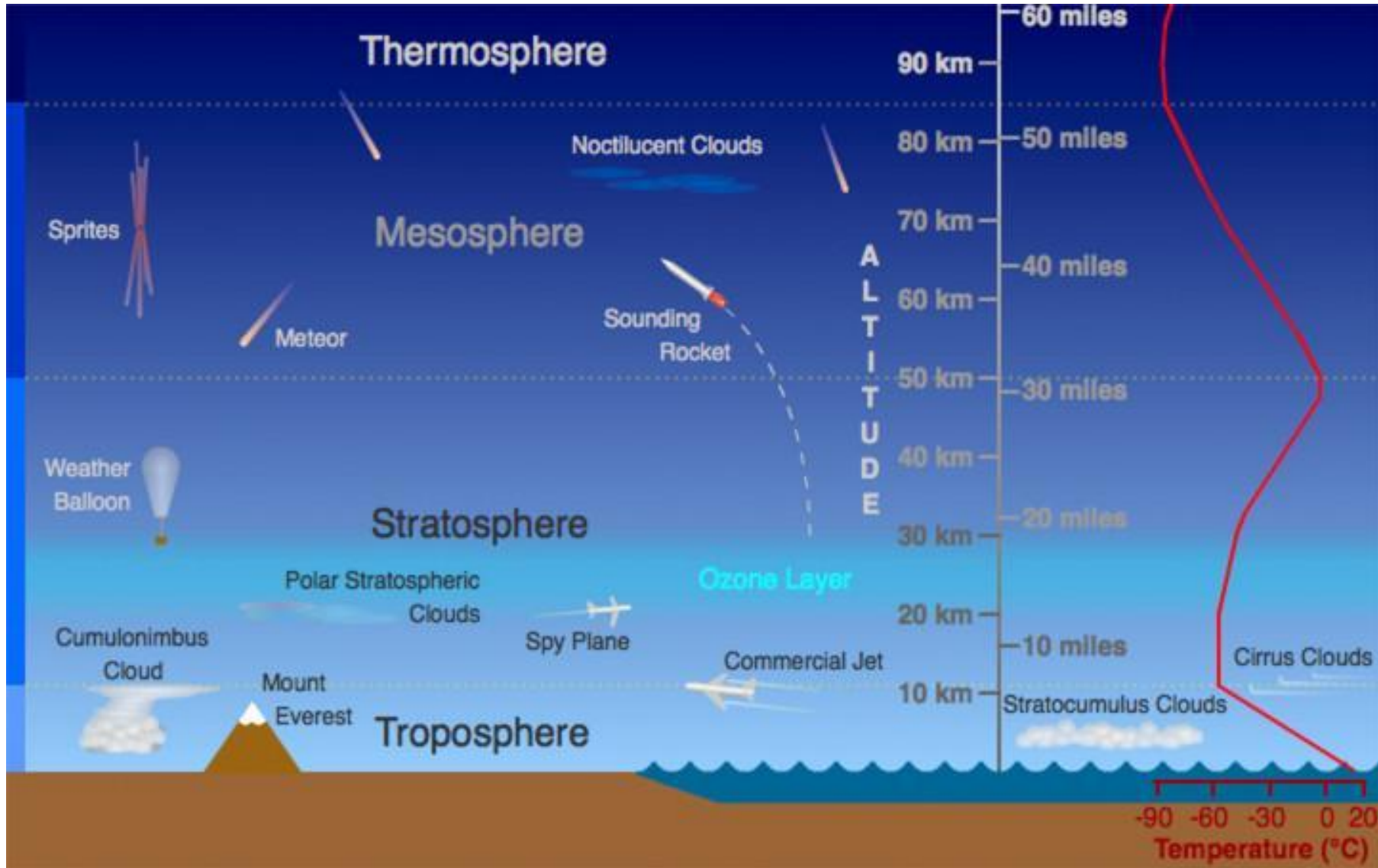
- **Atmosphere- Structure, Composition**
- **Pressure belts**
- **Wind System**
- **Clouds and Types of Rainfall**
- **Cyclones and Anti- Cyclone**



Atmosphere

It Is A Thick Gaseous Envelope Surrounding The Earth From All Sides And Attached To Earth Through The Force Of Gravitation. It Extends To About 1000 Km From The Surface Of The Earth, But 99% Of The Total Mass Of The Atmosphere Is Found Within 32 Km.





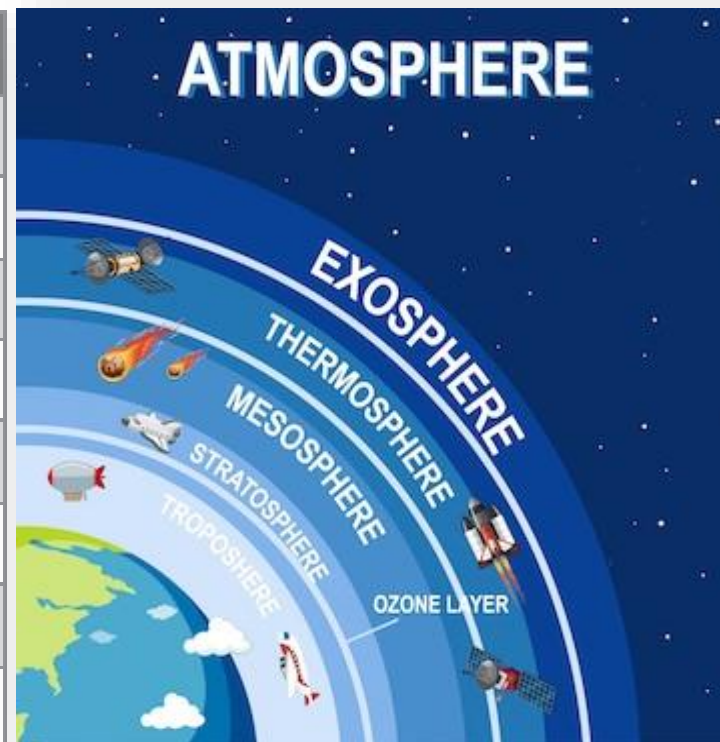
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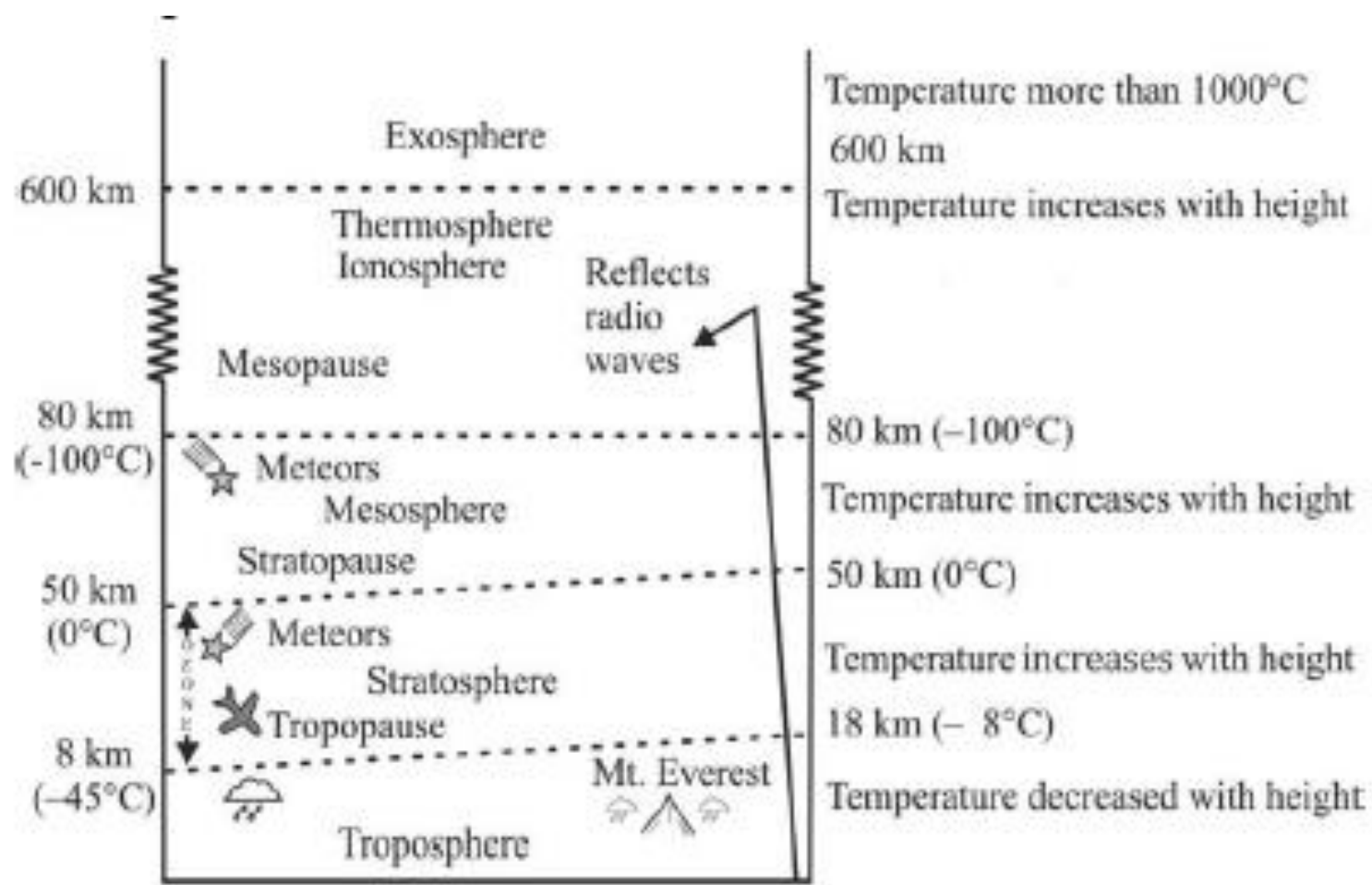
It Acts As A **Filter** Because It **Absorbs The Various Unwanted Radiation**. It Is

The **Source Of Various Gases**.

Proportion of gases in Atmosphere

S.NO.	Gases	%
1.	Nitrogen	78
2.	Oxygen	21
3.	Argon	0.93
4.	CO ₂	0.03
5.	Neon	0.0018
6.	Helium	0.0005
7.	Ozone	0.0006
8.	Hydrogen	0.00005

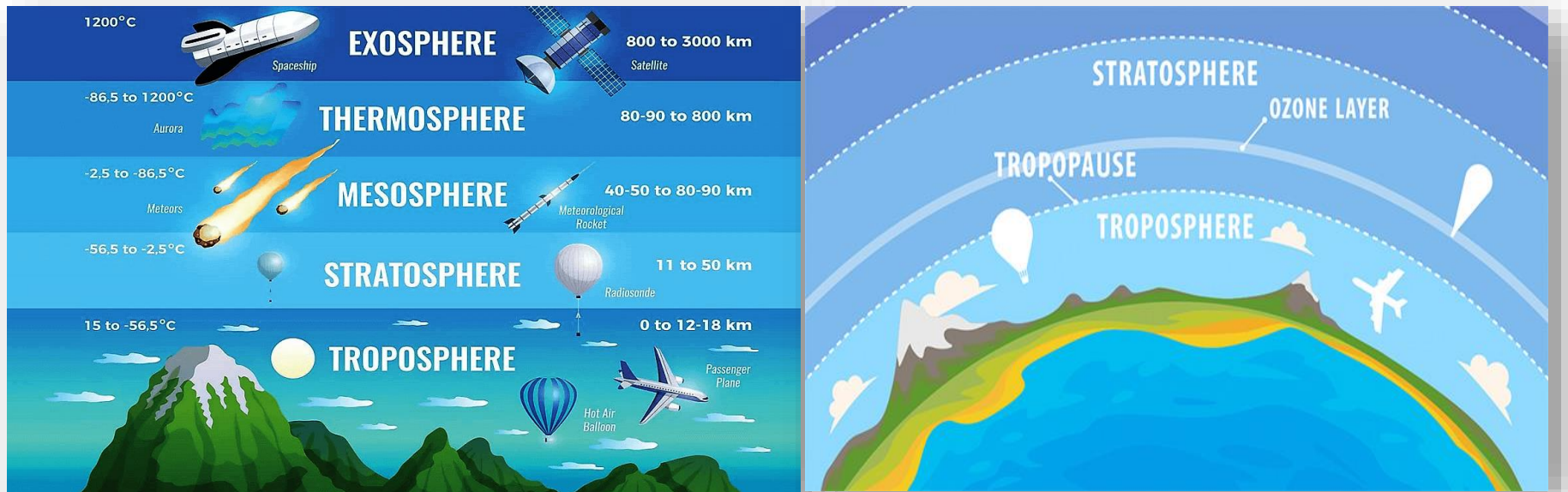




Earth
Structure of the Atmosphere

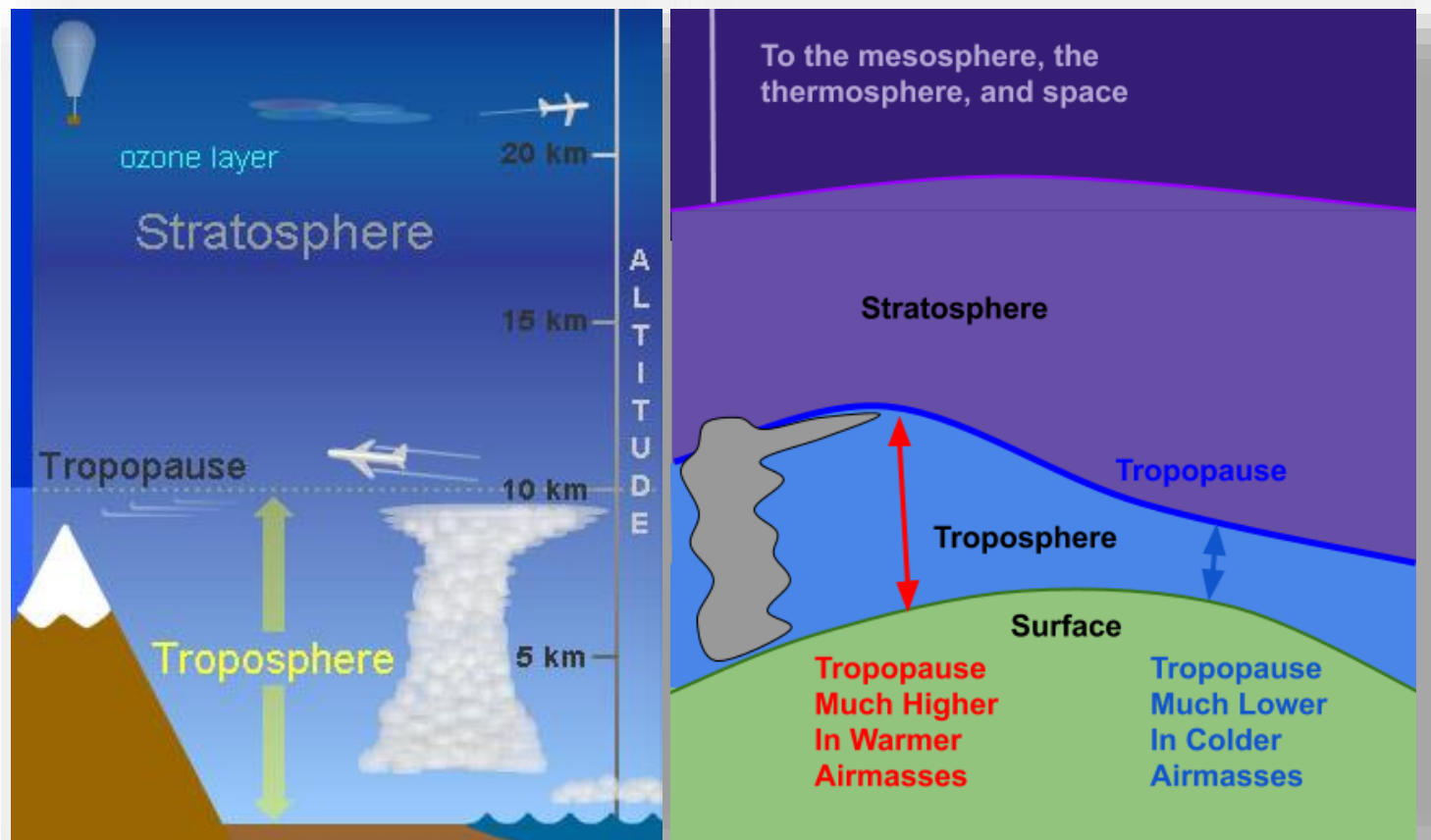
Troposphere

The **First Layer Of Atmosphere From The Earth Surface** Is Known As **Troposphere**. It Is At The **Height Of 12 Km From The Earth Surface**. Here **Temperature Decreases At The Rate Of 6.5°C Per Km** With The Increase In **Height**. This Is Called **Normal Lapse Rate ($165\text{MTS} = 1^{\circ}\text{C}$)** .



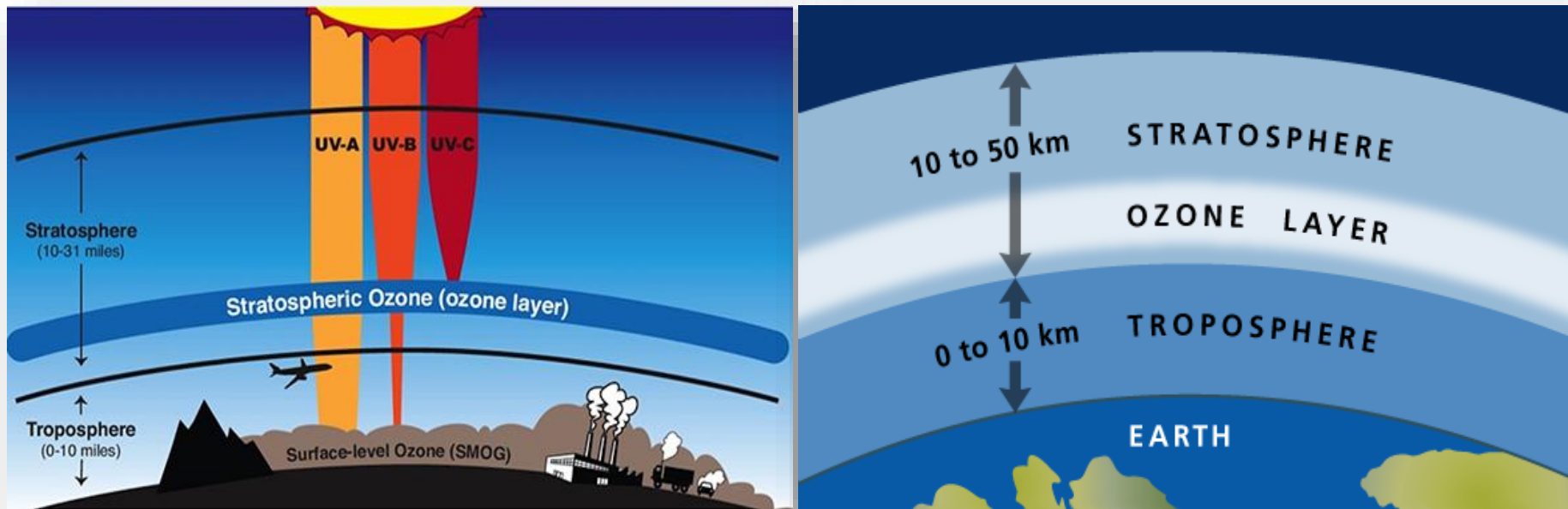
Tropopause

The Transition Layer Separating Troposphere From Stratosphere Is Known As Tropopause Which Is Between 16 Km At Equator To 8 Km At Pole.



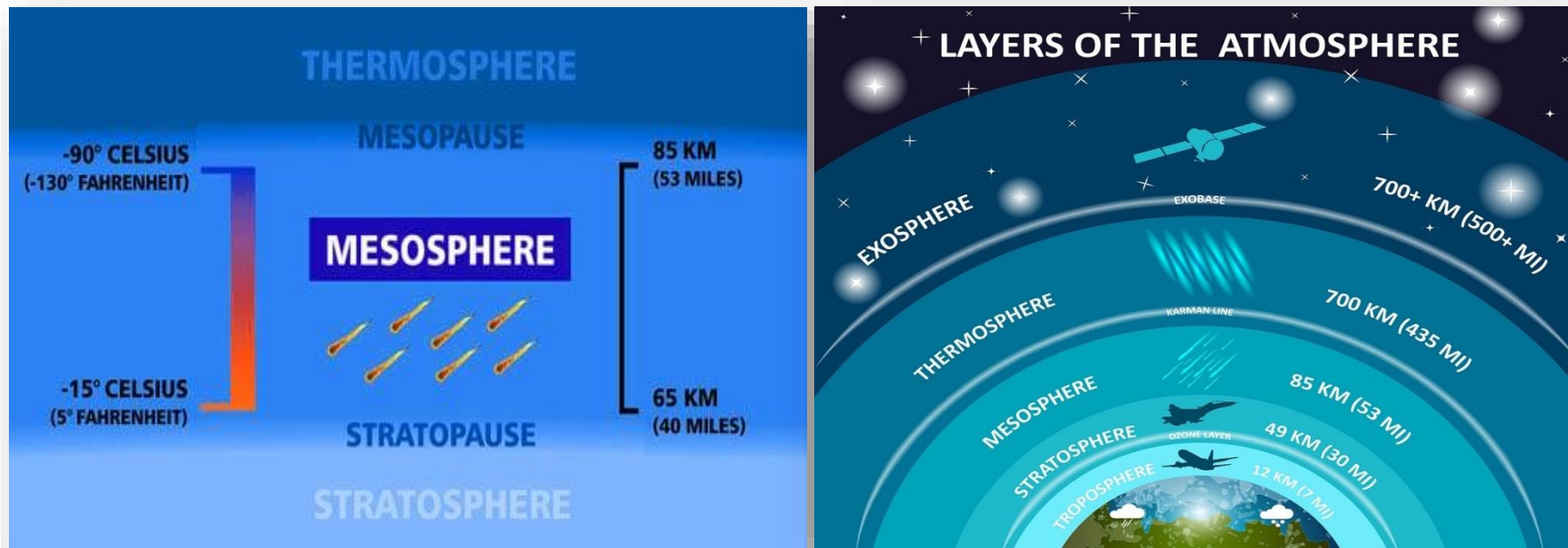
Stratosphere

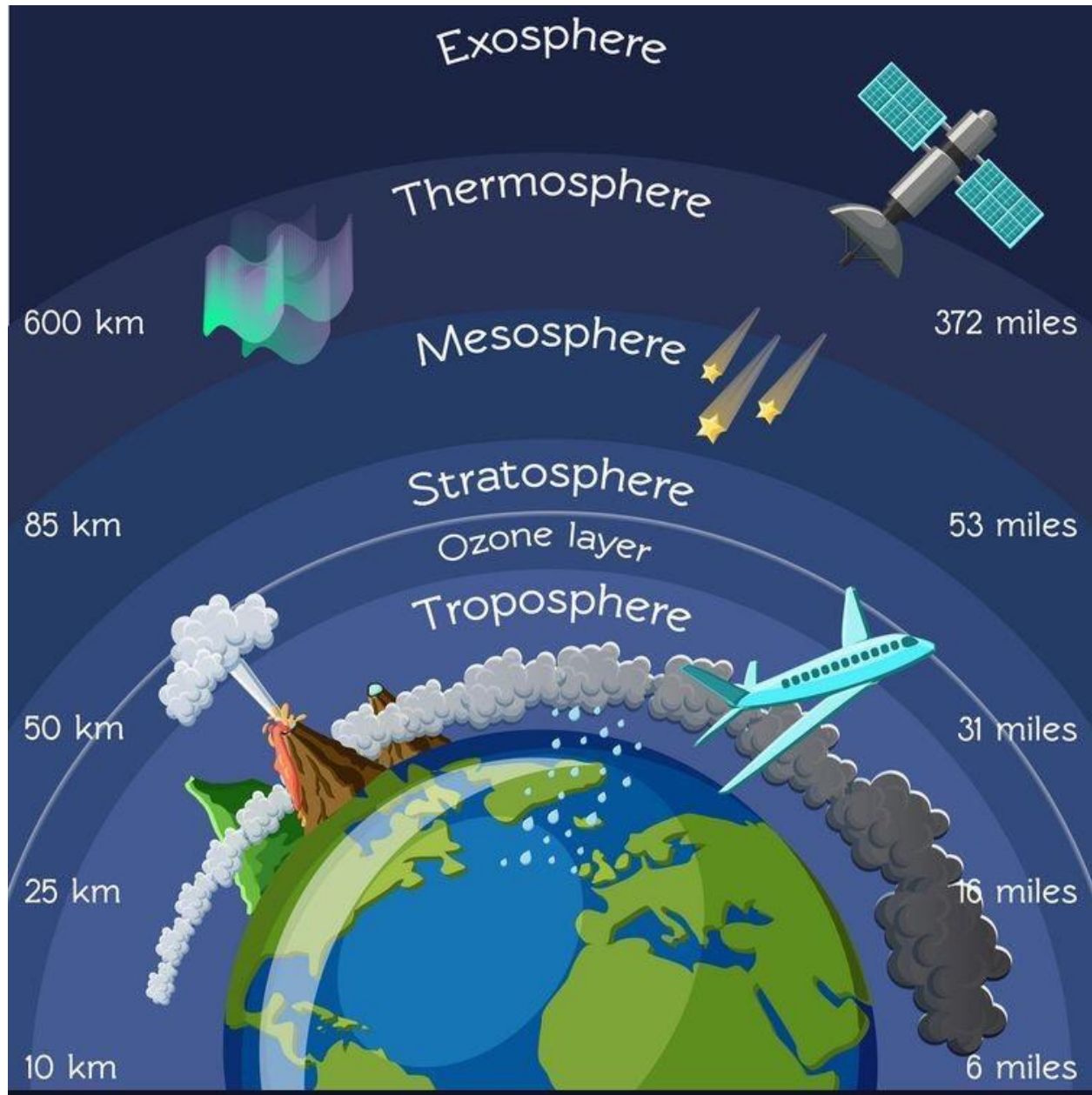
The Layer Which Extends From 18 To 50 Km Above The Earth Surface Is Called As **Stratosphere**. In This Layer **Temperature Increases As Altitude Increases** Due The **Ultra Violet Rays**. **Ozone** Forms To Be The **Outer Limit** For This Layer. **Turbulence Free Zone** Is Ideal For **Flying Of Jet Aircrafts**.



Mesosphere

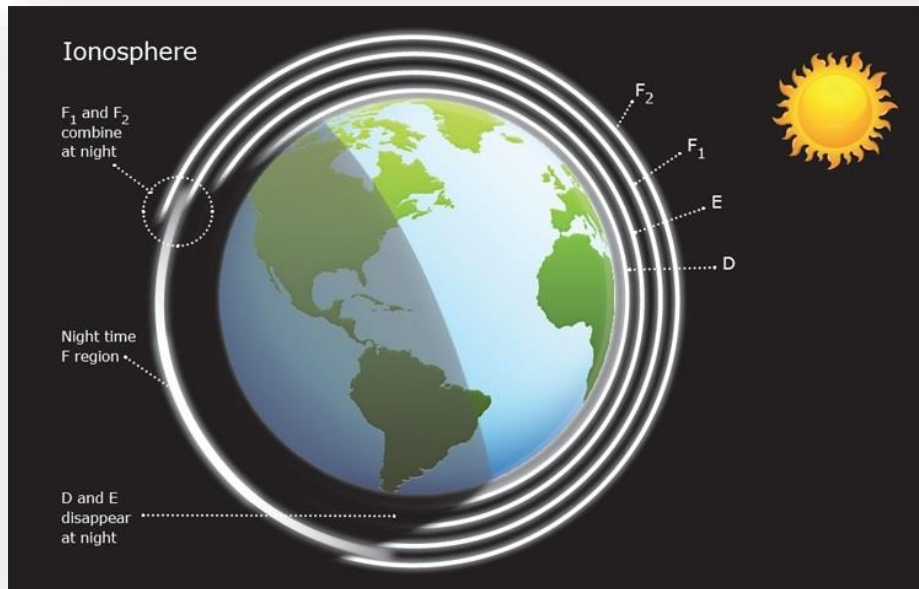
Mesosphere Lies From 50 To 80 Km Above The Ground Level With The Temperature Below 100°C At 80 Km. Even Pressure Drops To 1 Mb At 50 Km To 0.01 Mb At 90 Km. Mesopause Are The Upper Transitional Layer Separating Mesosphere From Ionosphere. It Is The Zone Of Meteorites Activities.





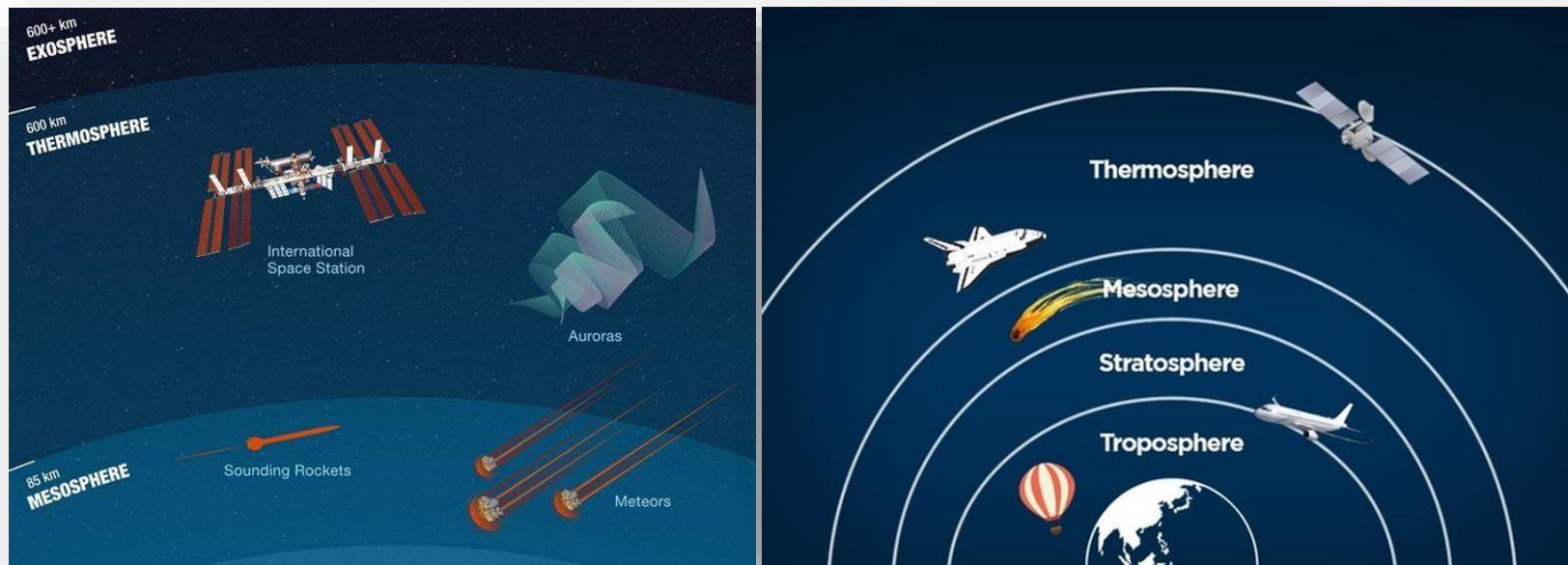
Ionosphere

The Layer Between Mesosphere And Thermosphere Is Known As Ionosphere. Aurora Australis And Aurora Borealis Occur Due To Penetration Of Ionizing Particles In This Layer. Temperature Rises With Increasing Height Here Owing To The Absorption Of UV Radiation By Atomic Oxygen.



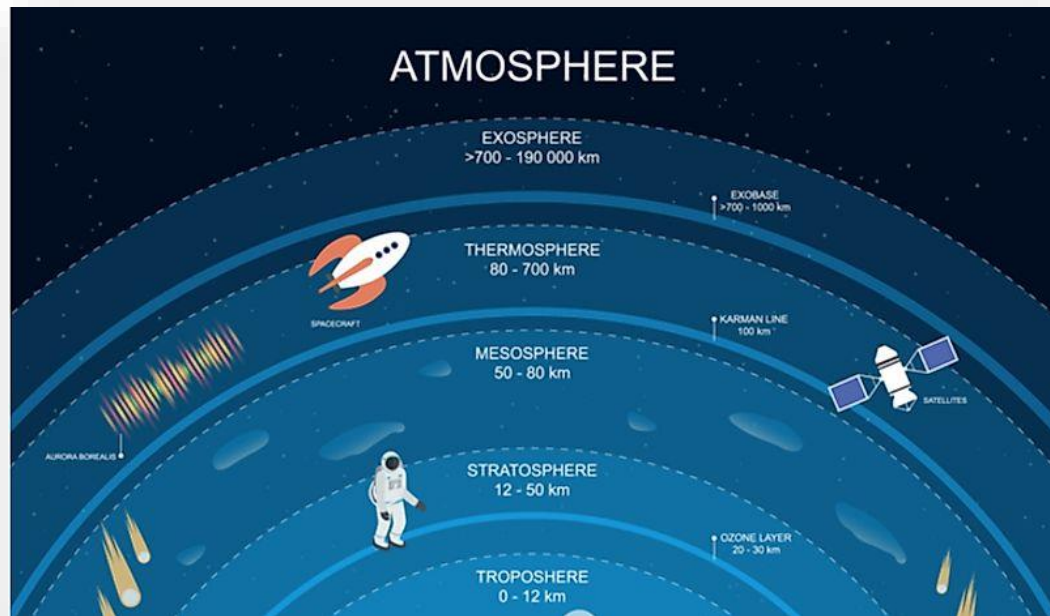
Thermosphere

The Thermosphere Is The Second Highest Layer Of Earth's Atmosphere Just Above Mesopause. It Forms Lower Boundary Of Exosphere Known As Exobase. Gradual Increase Of Temperature Is Witnessed With Height Reaching Up To 1500°C (2700°F).



Exosphere

Outer Most Layer Extending Between Of 700 Km To 10000 Km. Gases Like Nitrogen, Oxygen And Carbon Dioxide Are Found. No Meteorological Phenomenon Is Possible. Sometimes Aurora Borealis And Aurora Australis Occur Overlapping Into The Thermosphere.



LAYERS OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE

3000 km

EXOSPHERE

1200°C



Spacecraft



Satellite

800 km

THERMOSPHERE

-86,5 to 1200°C



Aurora

90 km

MESOSPHERE

-2.5 to -86,5°C



Meteors



Meteorological Rocket

50 km

STRATOSPHERE

-56,5 to -2,5°C



Radiosonde

12 km

TROPOSPHERE

15 to -56,5°C



Hot Air Balloon



Passenger Plane

km

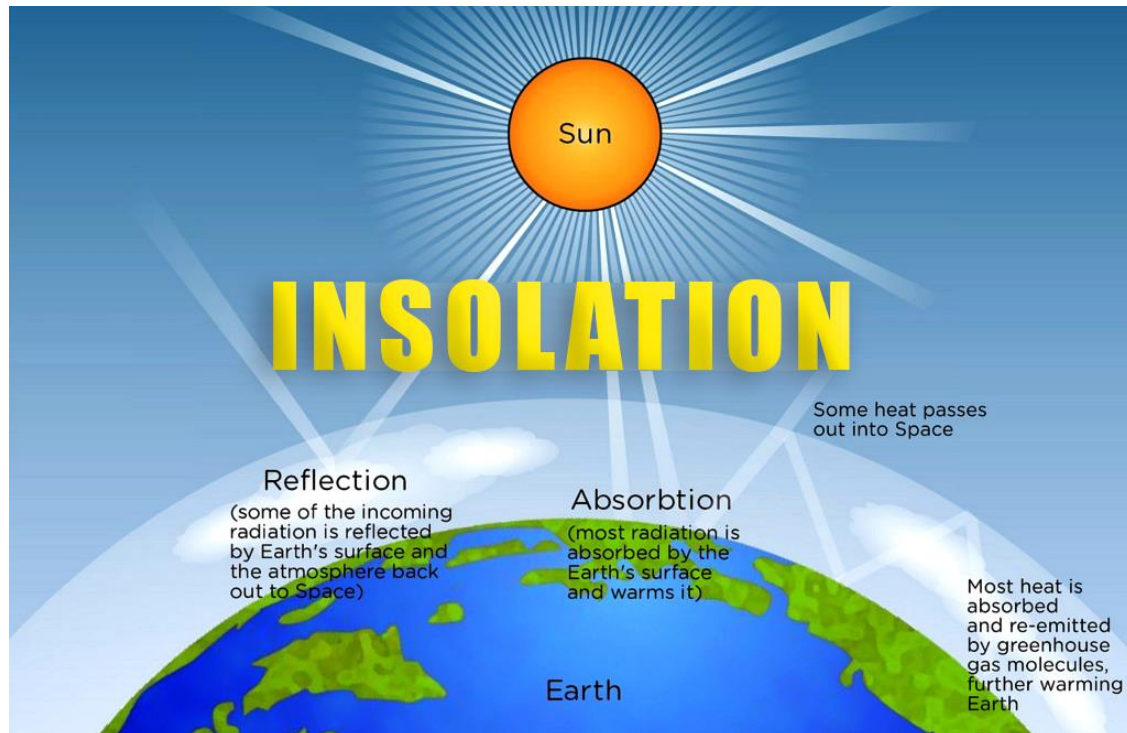
Atmosphere Layers

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Astronomical & Natural Phenomena, Transport

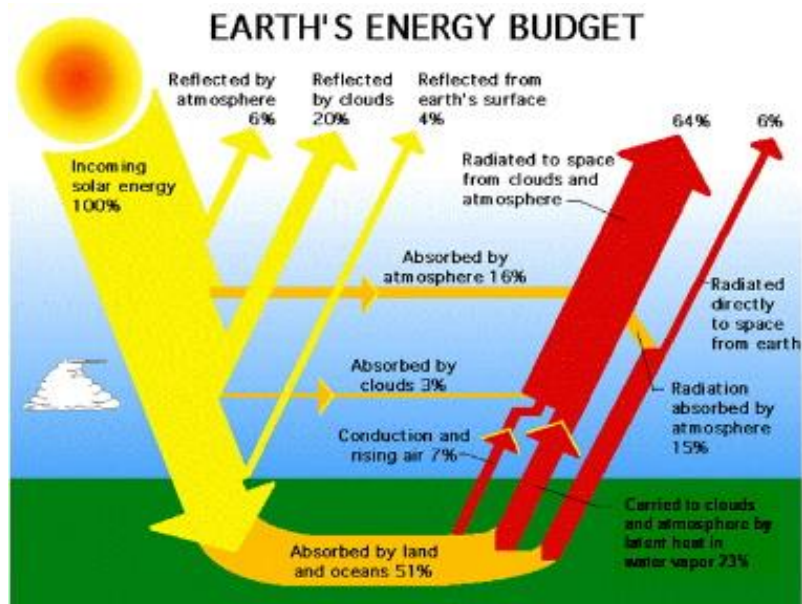
Insolation (Incoming Solar Radiation)

Insolation Is Solar Energy Received On The Earth. The Sun Emits Radiation Continuously In The Form Of Short Wave And Ultraviolet Radiation. This Radiation Has To Pass The Atmosphere Before It Reaches The Earth.



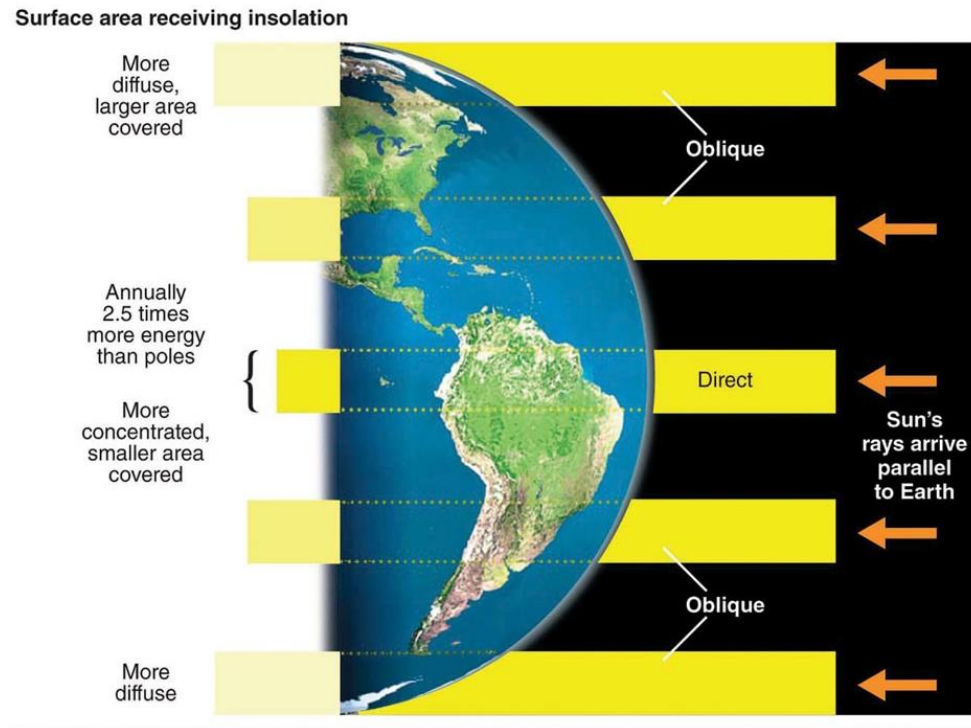
Insolation

The Sun Is Primary Source Of Energy On Earth. It Enters Earth's Atmosphere In The Form Of Short Waves. This Is Known As Incoming Insolation Solar Radiation. The Earth Receives Solar Radiation At The Rate Of 1.94 Calories Per Cm²/M.



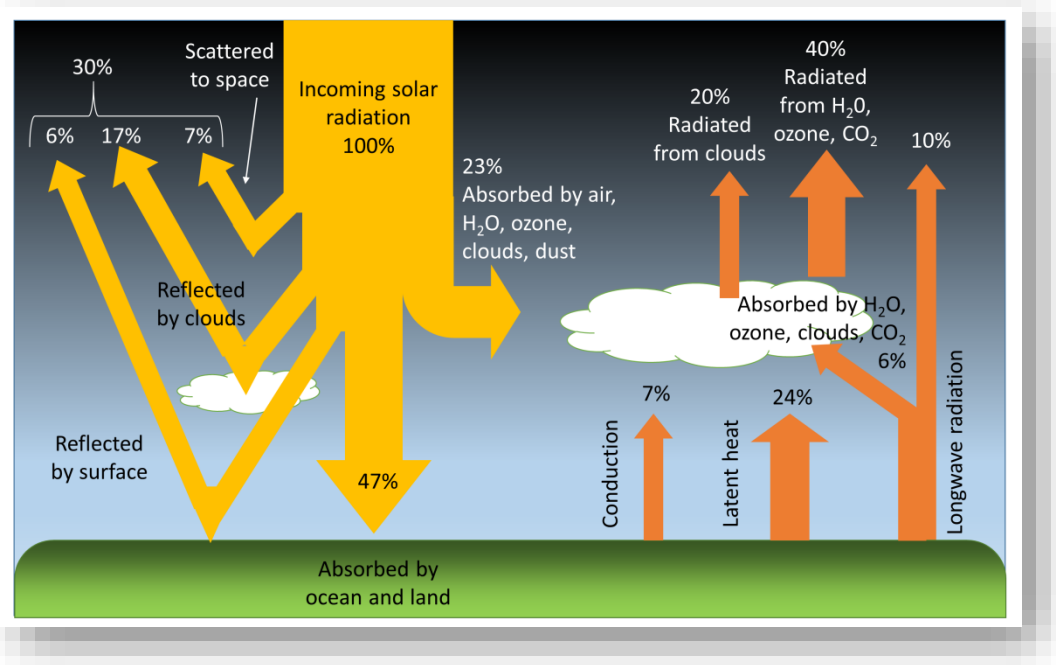
Insolation

The **Amount Of Solar Radiation** Received By **Earth** Is Affected By **Four** **Factors** i.e. **Rotation Of Earth, Distance From Sun, Atmosphere And Length Of The Day.**

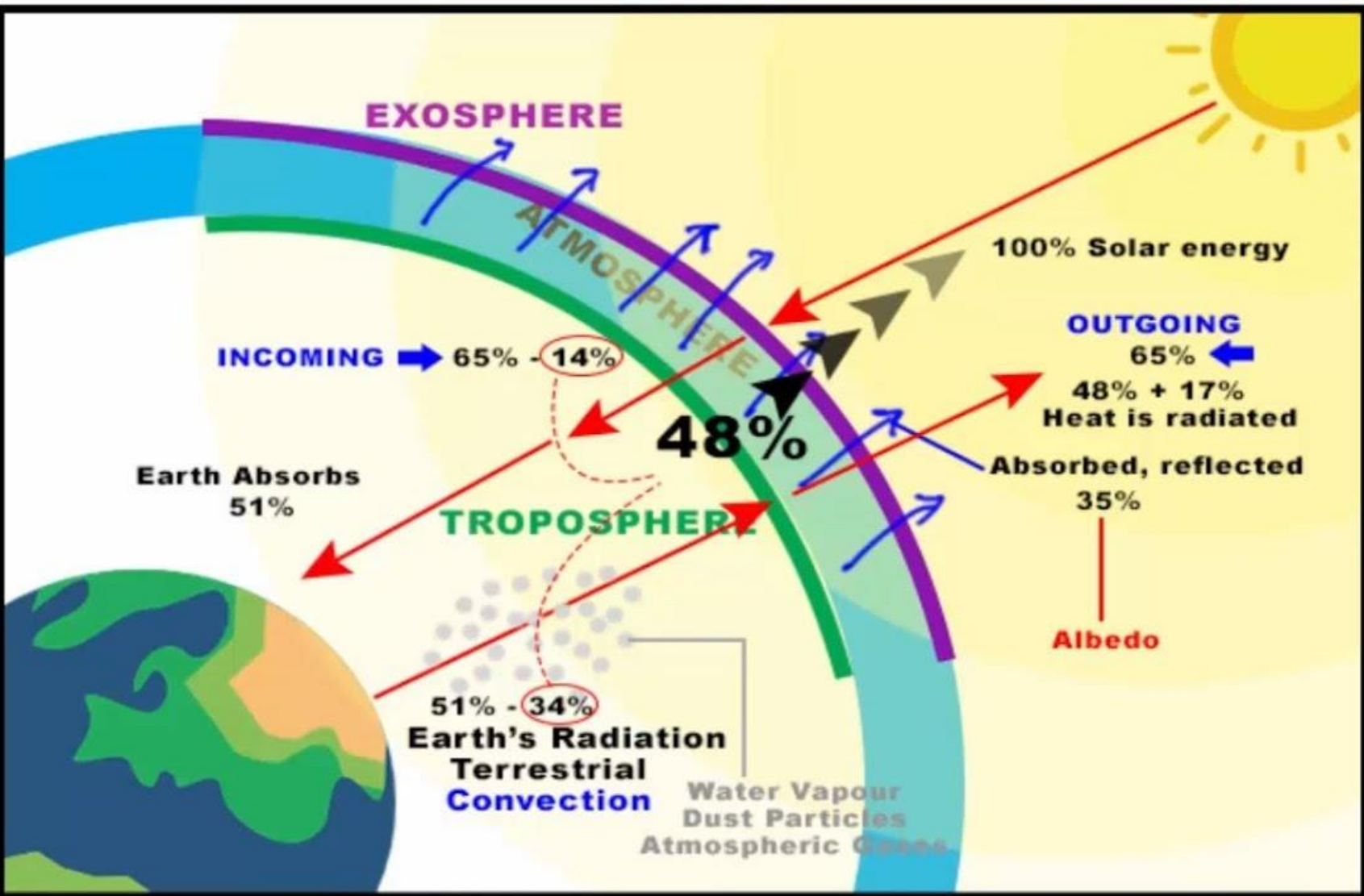


Heat Budget

When **Earth Balances The Incoming Solar Radiation With The Outgoing Terrestrial Radiation. The Energy Received If Not Returned Back To The Space In The Form Of Long Waves Would Increase The Temperature Of The Earth Surface. This Balancing Of Heat Affects The Amount Of Insolation Absorbed.**

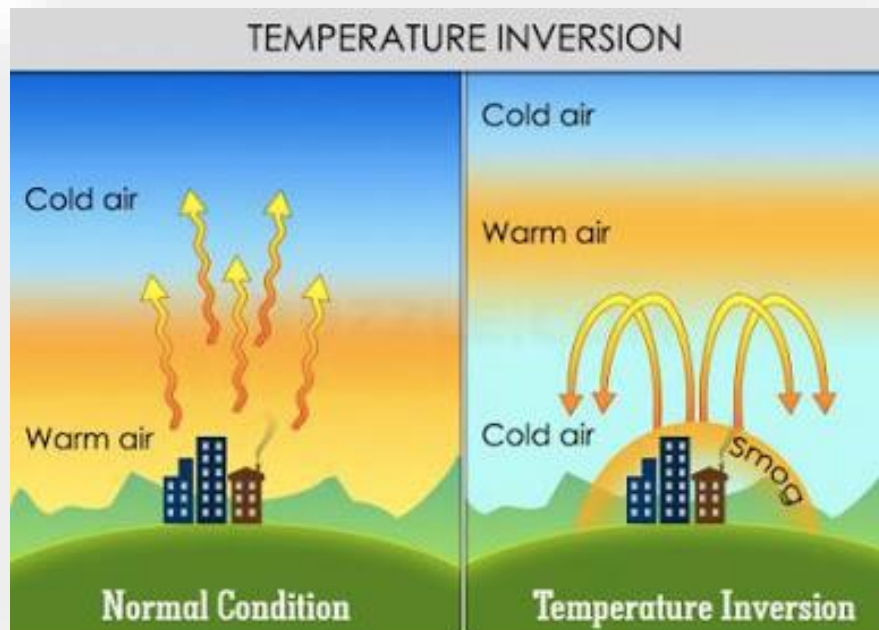


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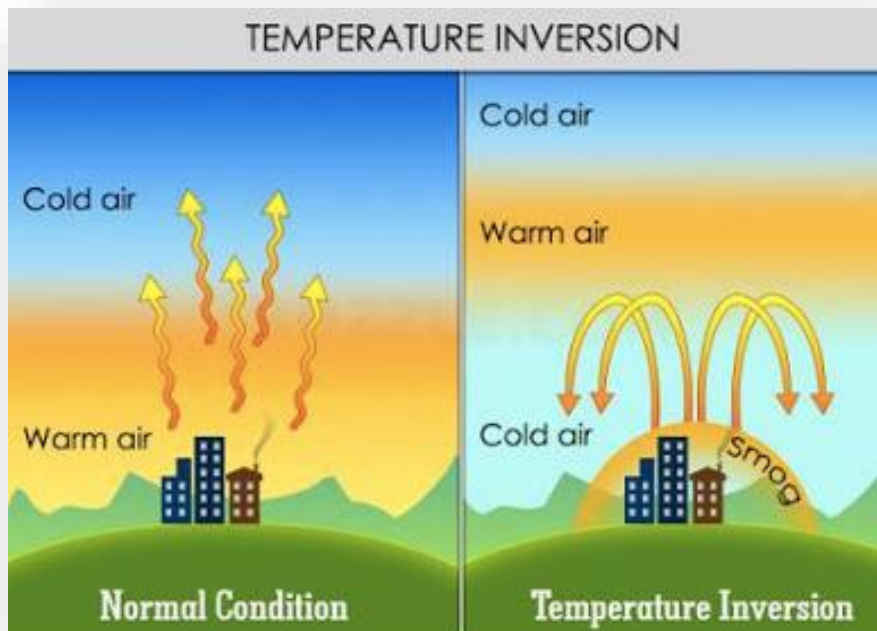
Inversion Of Temperatures

A Condition Where **Temperature Increases With Increasing Height Of The Atmosphere**. The **5 Causes Of Inversion Of Temperature Are Radiation, Drainage, Frontal, Advection, Subsidence**. General Tendency To **Decrease In Temperature With Increasing Latitude** Is Known As '**Temperature Gradient**'.



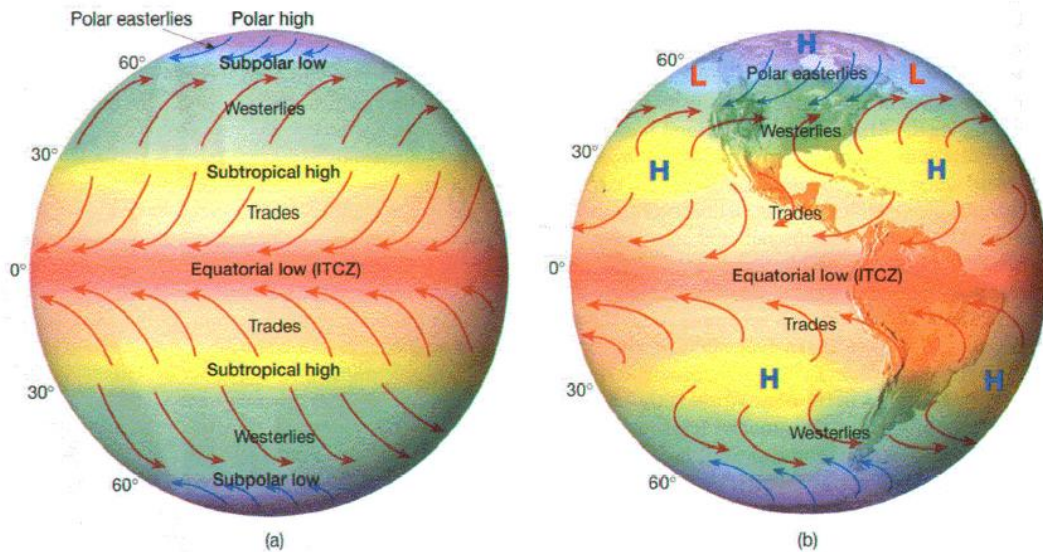
Inversion Of Temperatures

Not Only The Temperature But Even Its Nature With Latitude Changes. The Rate Of Change Of Temperature Is Comparatively Low Between Tropics. The Gradient Is High At The Poles. Isotherms: The Line Which Join Places Having Equal Temperature Is Called 'Isotherms'.



Equatorial Low Pressure Belt

The Region Situated **Between 5° N To 5°S** Is Known As **Equatorial Low Pressure Belt**. This Belt Gets **Longer Duration Of Sunshine** And **Sun's Ray Falls At A Straight Angle On Earth Surface**. **Intense Heat** Is Received By The Earth Surface Causing **Thermal Induced Atmosphere**.



Equatorial Low Pressure Belt

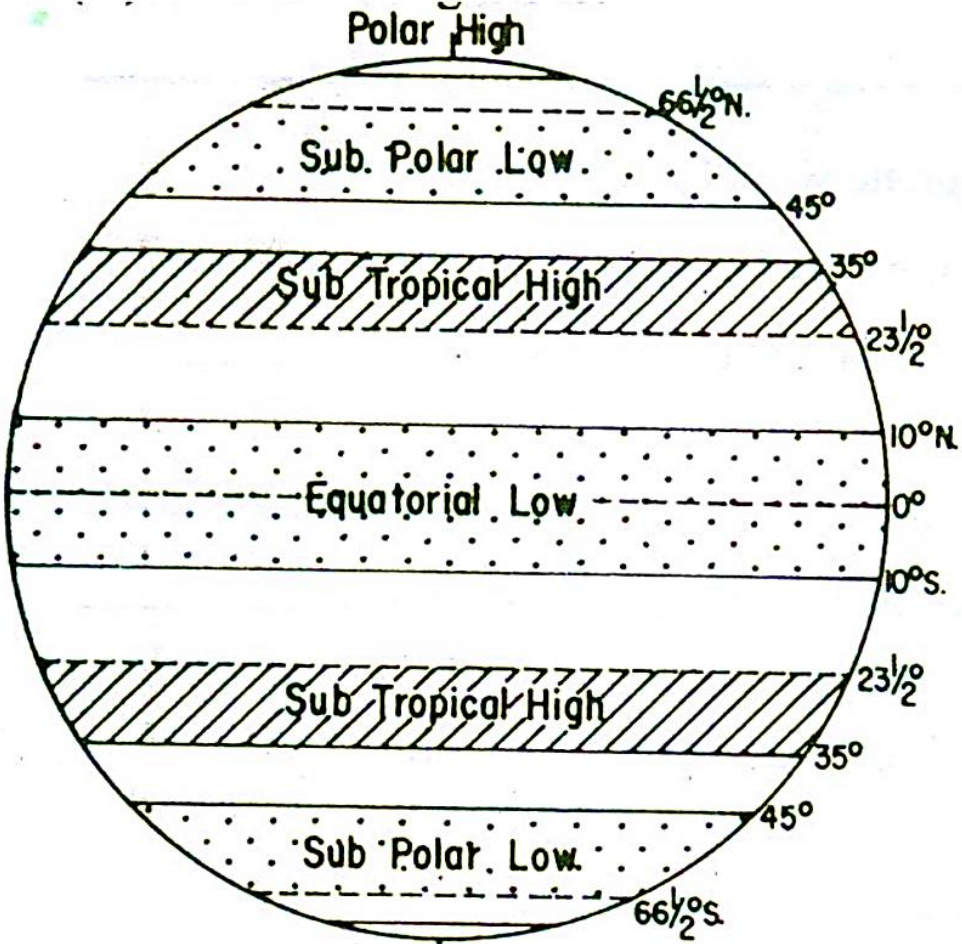
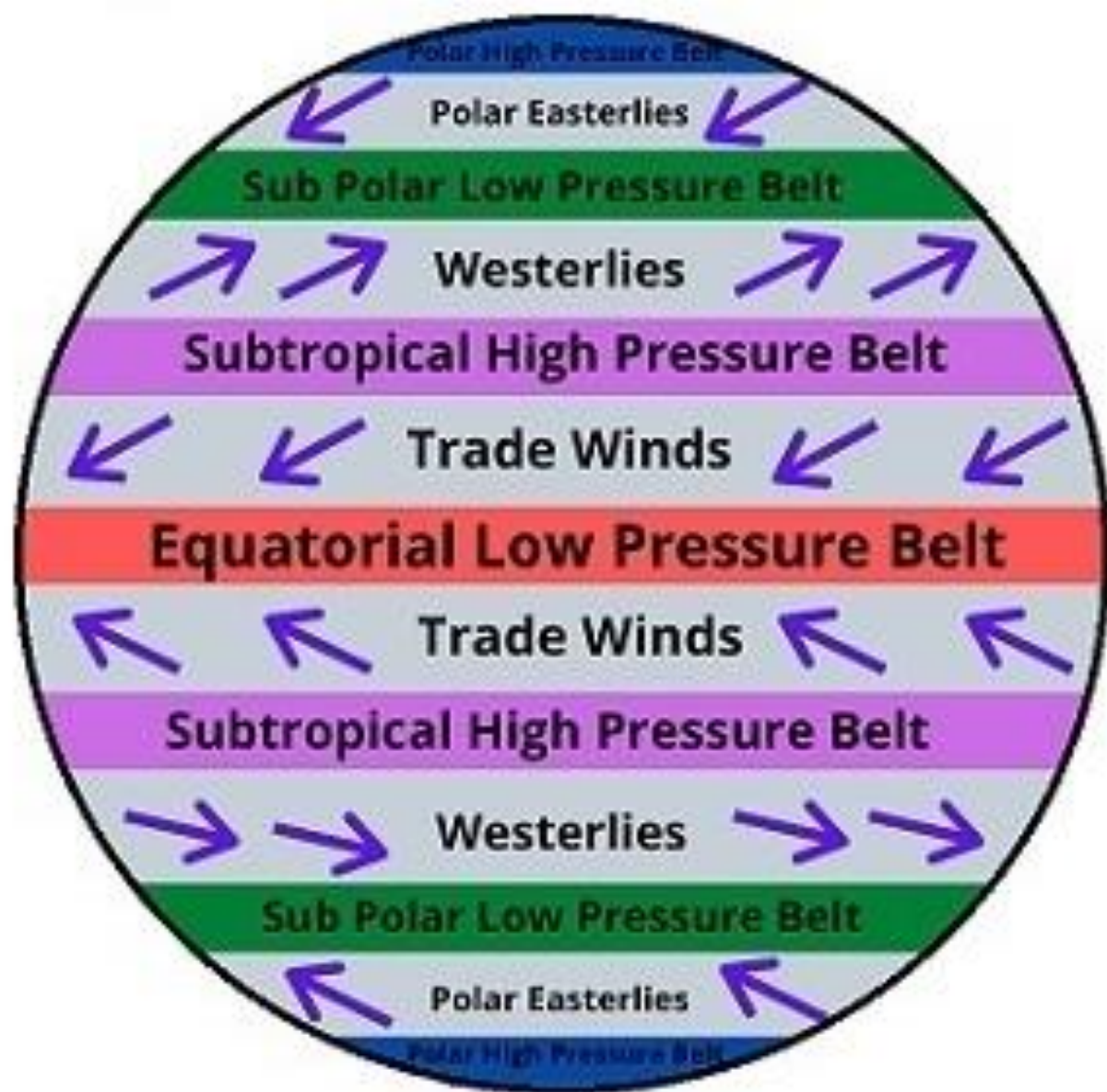


Fig. Pressure Belts

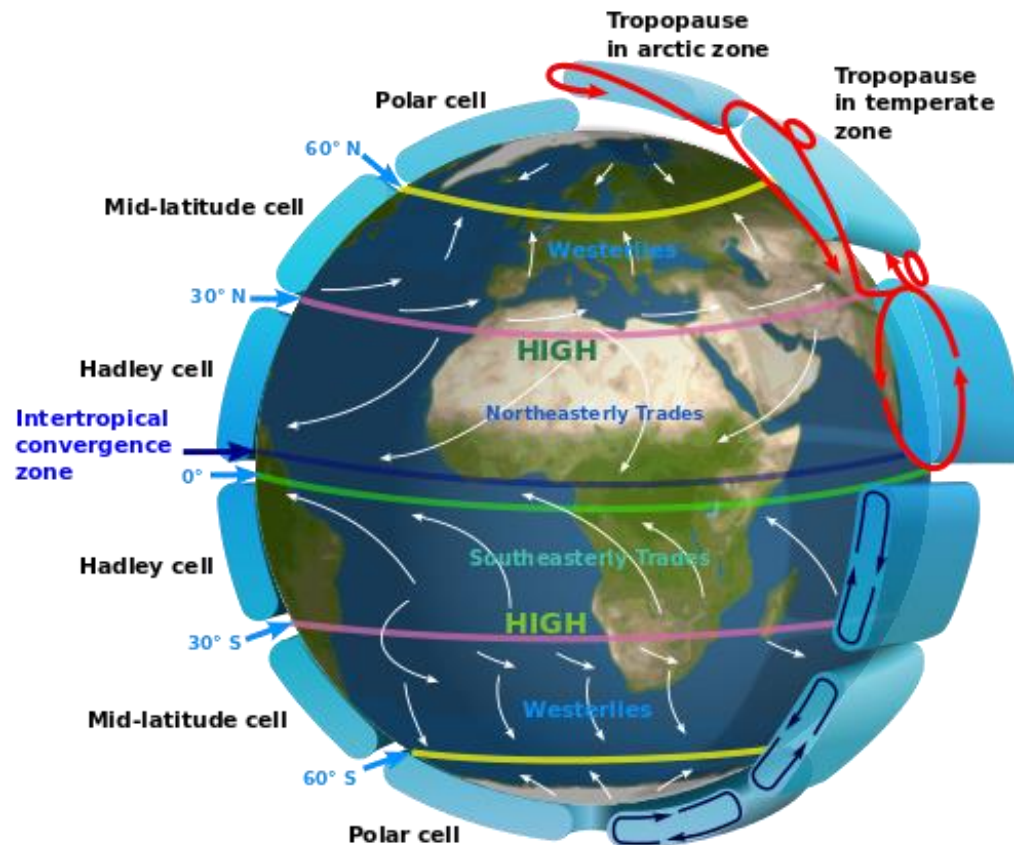


Equatorial Low Pressure Belt

It Is Also A Convergence Zone Of Northeast And South-east Trade Winds. The

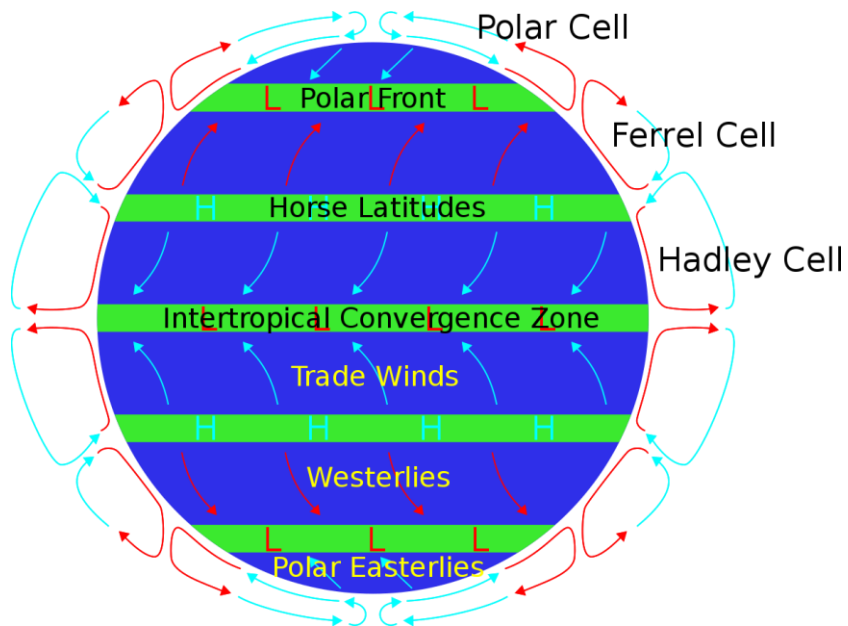
Area Is **Calm With No Wind Movement**, Thus Known As Belt Of **Calm Or**

Doldrums.



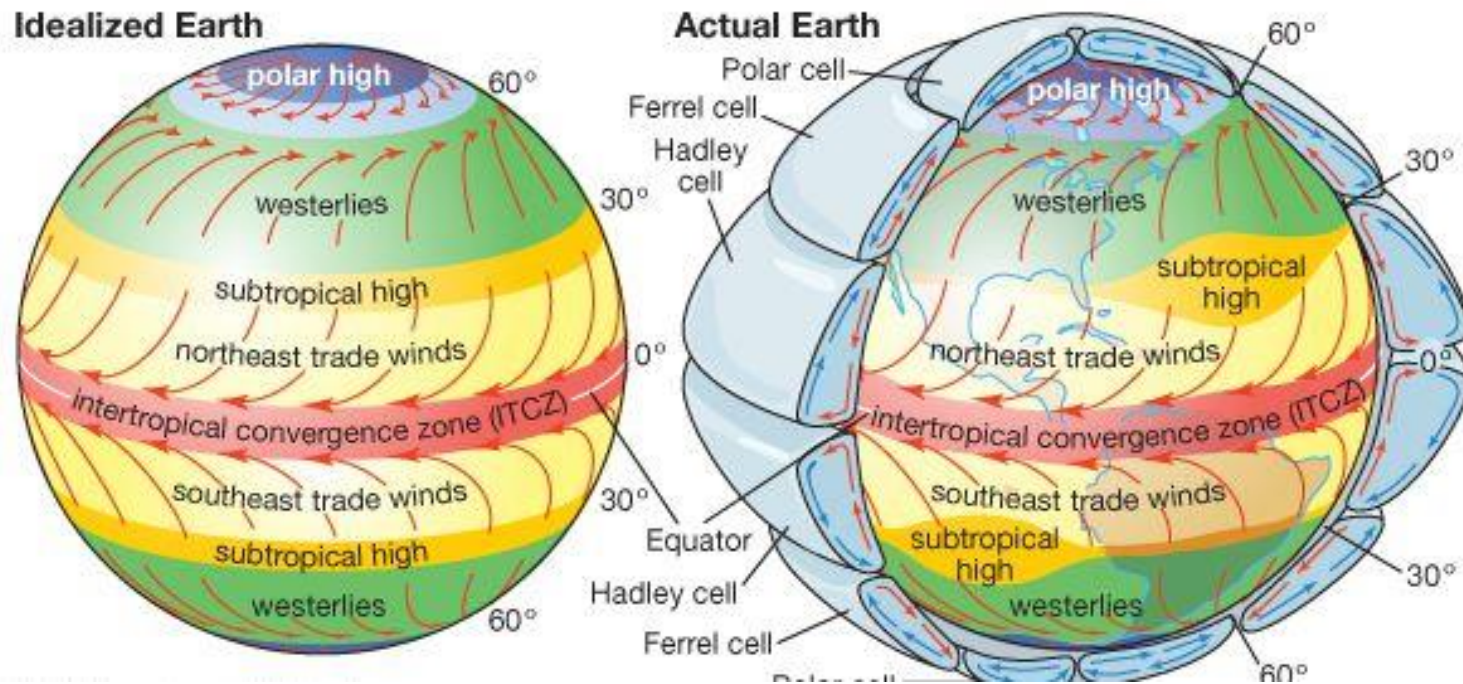
Sub-Tropical High Pressure

The **Sub Tropical High Pressure Belt** Extends **Between 25° To 35°** In **Both The Hemisphere**. Here The **Convergence Of Winds At Higher Altitude** Above This Zone Results In The **Subsidence Of Air From Higher Altitudes**. **Descent Of Wind Results** In Concentration Of Their **Volume** And Causes **High Pressure**.



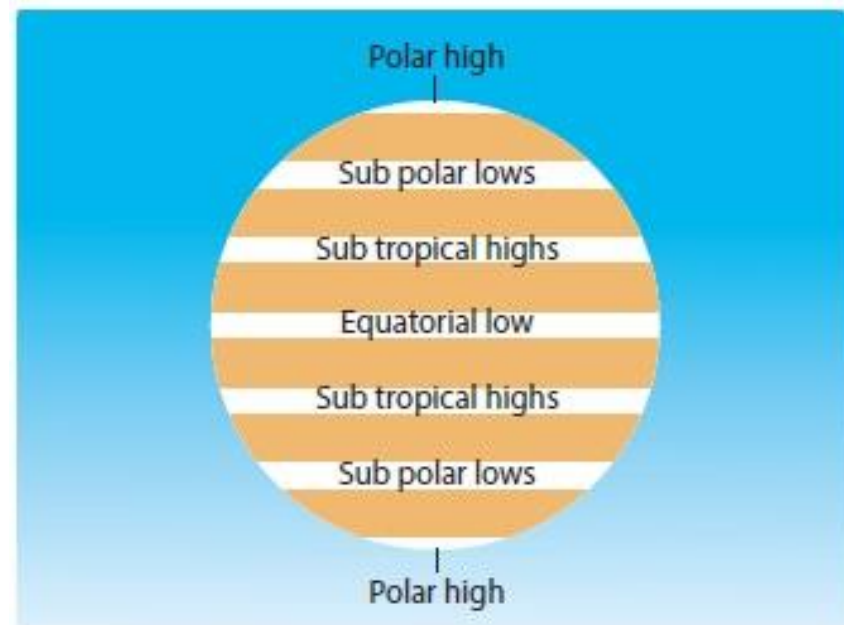
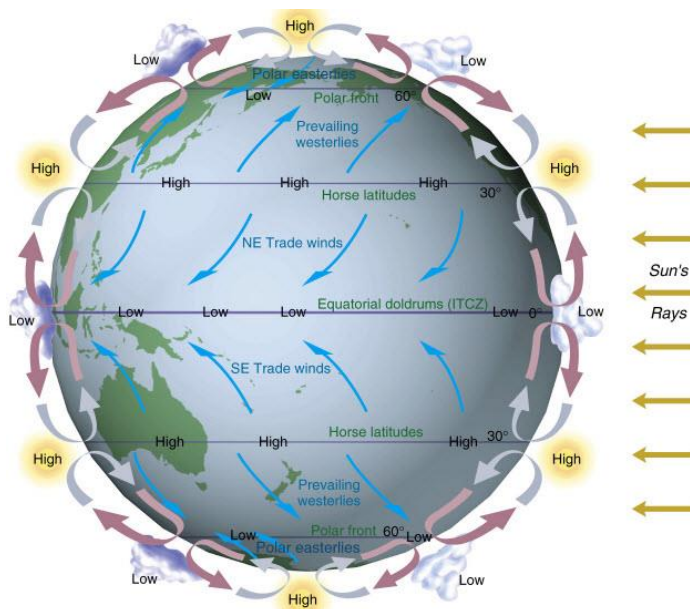
Sub-Tropical High Pressure

It Is **Not Thermally Induced**, But Dynamically Induced As It Owes Its Origin To The **Rotation Of The Earth And Sinking And Settling Down Of Winds**. This Zone Of High Pressure Is Also Called **Horse Latitude**.



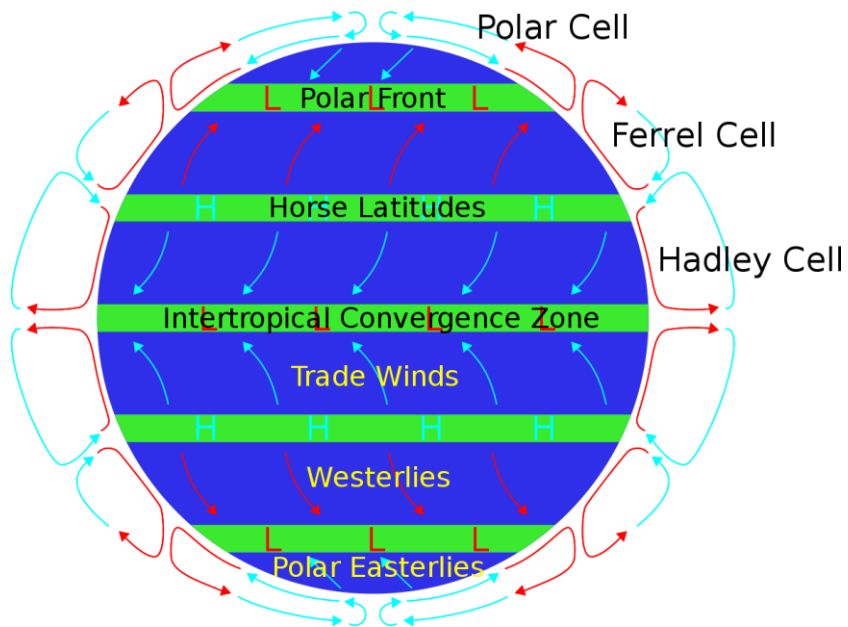
Sub Polar Low Pressure Belt

The Zone Is Situated **Between 60° To 65°** In **Both The Hemisphere**. It Is **More Developed And Regular** In **Southern Hemisphere** Than In **Northern Hemisphere** Because Of The **Over Dominance Of Water** (Ocean) In The **Southern Hemisphere**.



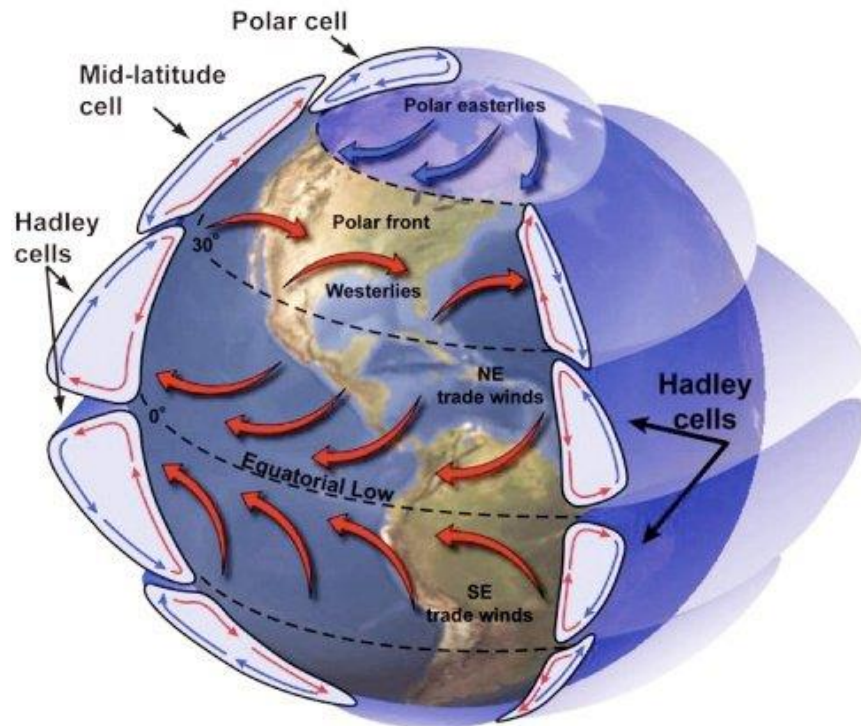
Sub Polar Low Pressure Belt

The **Low Pressure Belt Does Not Appear To Be Thermally Induced** Because There Is **Low Temperature Throughout The Year** And There Should Have Been **High Pressure Belt** Instead Of **Low Pressure Belt**. Thus It Is **Dynamically Induced**.

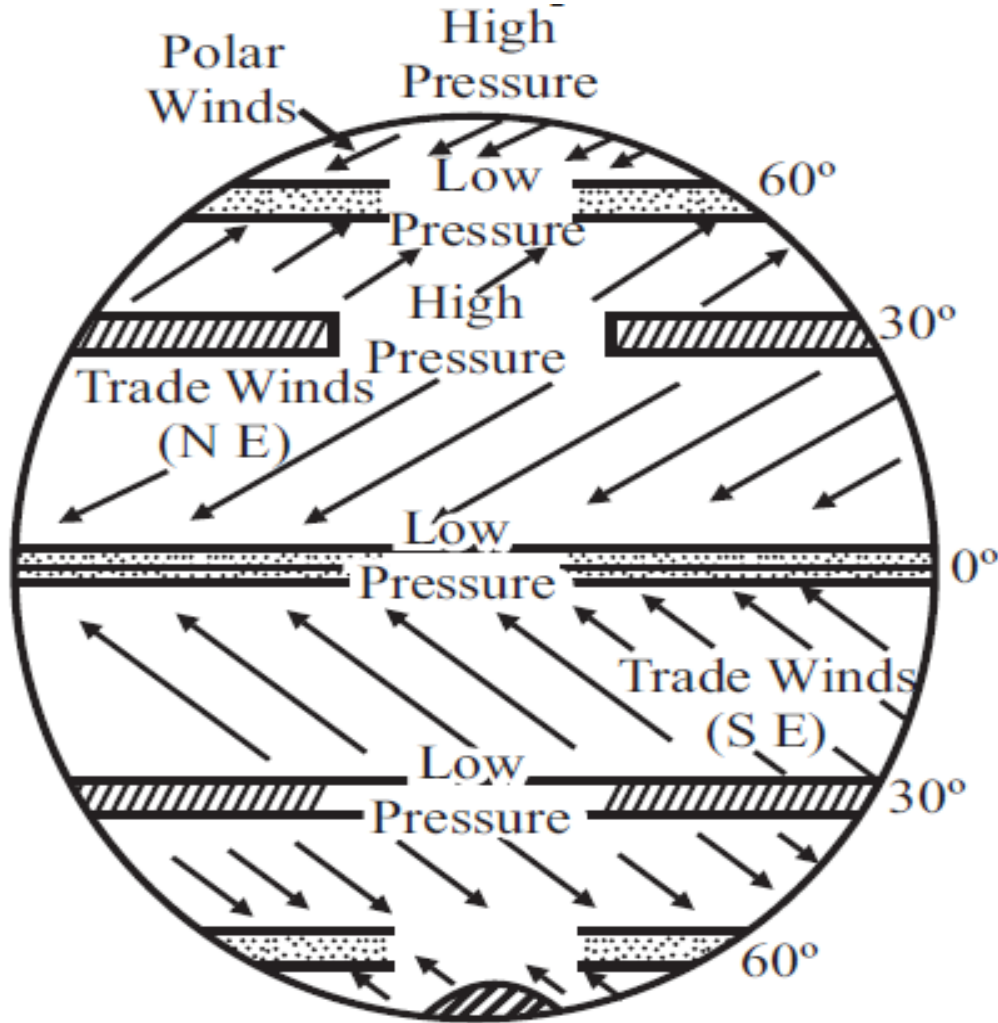


Polar High Pressure Zone

The **Polar High Pressure Zone** Is Situated **Near The Pole**. The Zone Is Originated Due To **Thermally Induced Factor** As **Very Low Temperature** Is Solely Responsible For The **Creation Of A High Pressure Zone** Over The **Polar Areas**.



Major Pressure Belts

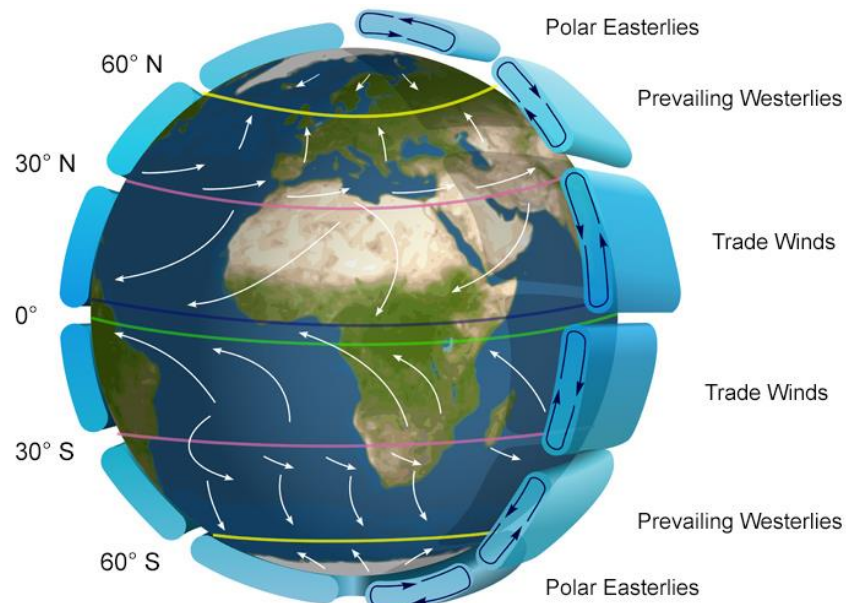


Wind Belts

Wind Can Be Defined As The **Movement Of Large Volume Of Gases From High Pressure Area To Low Pressure Area**. There Are **Two Types Of Winds**:

1) Permanent/Prevailing Winds (Blow Throughout The Year)

2) Seasonal Wind (Blow In Particular Period Of The Year)



Permanent/Planetary/Prevailing Winds

Types	Sub Types	Characteristics
Tropical Winds	Doldrum (5° N - 5°S) Equatorial westerlies (15°N - 35°N)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is called as “equatorial calms” because wind has no motion and cumulonimbus cloud are formed bring daily rainfall. • It is not continuous belt. Equatorial fronts are formed and equatorial westerlies blow there. It is associated with strong atmospheric disturbances or cyclonic storm.
	Trade Winds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wind flowing from subtropical high pressure to equatorial low pressure belt is termed as Trade Winds. It moves in north east and south east in north and south hemisphere respectively.
Sub Tropical Wind	Westerlies (35°-65°N and S)	Blowing from subtropical high pressure belt (30° - 35°N and S) to the sub polar low pressure belt (60° - 65°N and S) is called Westerlies. In the northern hemisphere these wind blow from south west to north east and in southern hemisphere from north west to south east. 40°S to 50°S-Roaring Forties, 50°S to 60°S- Furious Fifties and 60°S onwards - Shrieking Sixties are its name.
Polar Wind		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A low pressure zone is created in between 60° to 65° in both the hemisphere due to the dynamic factor of the earth. • It blows from north easterly and south easterly in northern and southern hemisphere respectively.

Local Winds

Winds	Nature	Region
Fohn	Warm	Alps
Chinook (snow eater)	Warm	Rockies
Kalbaisakhi	Warm	North India
Berg	Warm	S. Africa
Zonda	Warm	Andes
Loo	Warm	Indian subcontinent
Santa Ana	Warm	Coastal Southern California
Southerly	Cold	New South Wales
Khamsin	Warm	Egypt
Harmattan (Doctor)	Warm	Guinea Coast Eastern part of Sahara
Mistral	Cold	S.E. France
Samun	Warm	Iran
Purga	Cold	Russia
Levanter	Cold	France
Pampero	Cold	S. America
Norwester	Warm, dry	New Zealand

Local Winds



Some Important Winds

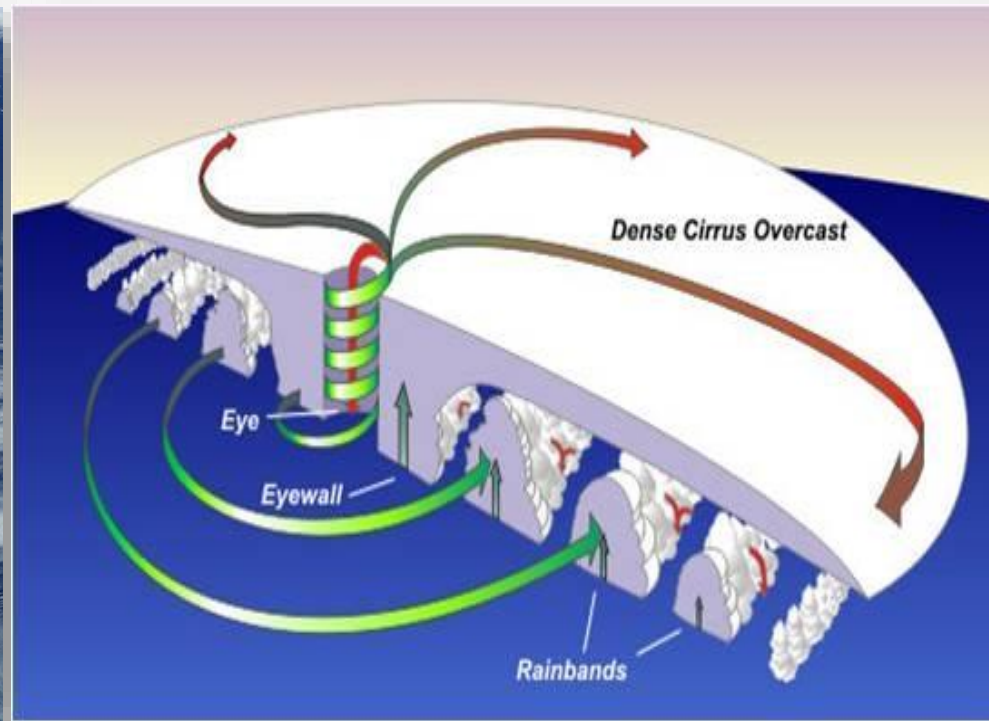
Winds	Region
Levante	It blows in western Mediterranean, near the Strait of Gibraltar . It is called as the Viento de Levante or the Levanter and even Solano . It blows moderately or strongly bringing rain and damp smell to the region.
Norte	The Norte is a strong and cold northeasterly wind which blows in Mexico along the Gulf of Mexico . It results from an outbreak of cold air from the north.
Etesian	Etesians blow as winds of northeasterly to northerly direction over Northern Aegean Sea while, in the southern Aegean along with the Cretan and the Carpathian Sea, they blow as northern westerlies.
Helm	Generally seen in Columbia and England these strong north-easterly wind blows down the south –west slope of the Cross Fell escarpment.
Buran/ Purga	Extremely cold wind full of ice and snow blowing across Russia and eastern Asia. In tundra region, it is also known as Purga. In Alaska this severe north-easterly wind is known as Burga, bringing snow and ice pellets.
Brick- fielder	It is a hot and dry summer wind blowing in coastal regions of South Australian desert . Blows strongly, for several days at a time, along with dust, and parching all vegetation. In one sense it is a healthy wind, as it destroys many harmful germs due to its heat.

Subtypes	Seasonal Winds Characteristics
Monsoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It blows from the south west in summer and from north east in winter. It is consistent and bi-directional regular flow of wind over a year. It is thermally induced complex air circulation where all layers of air circulation that is surface, middle and upper layer are involved.

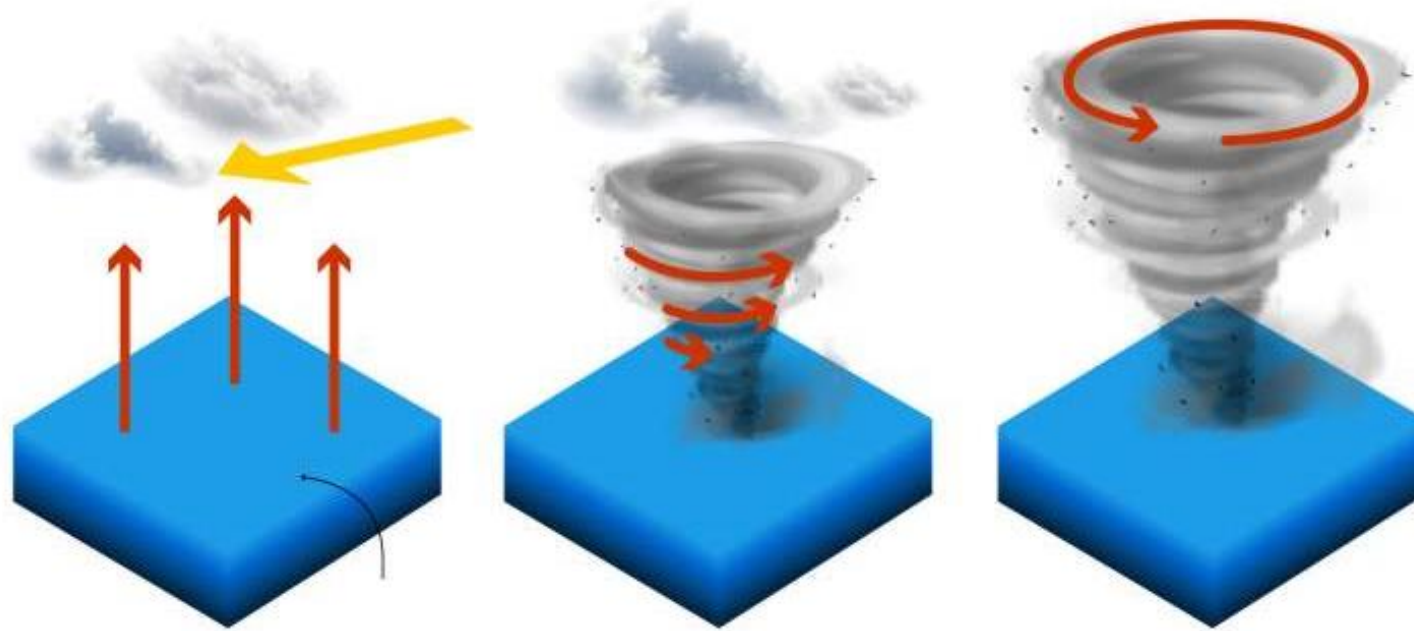
Cyclones

Cyclones Are The **Centres Of Low Pressure** Surrounded By **Closed Isobars**

Having **Increasing Pressure Outward** And **Closed Air Circulation From Outside**
Towards The Central Low Pressure.



As warm air rises from Equatorial ocean waters, an area of lower air pressure is formed. As this cycle gains momentum and strength, it begins to swirl, creating a tropical cyclone, which can also be called a hurricane or a typhoon.



26° C

When ocean temperature rise above 26C, water evaporates and collides with cold air forming clouds

A column is created by the low pressure in the centre known as the eye of the storm

When the wind speeds reach 119km/h (74 mph), the storm becomes a tropical cyclone, which can also be called a hurricane or a typhoon, depending on where it happens.



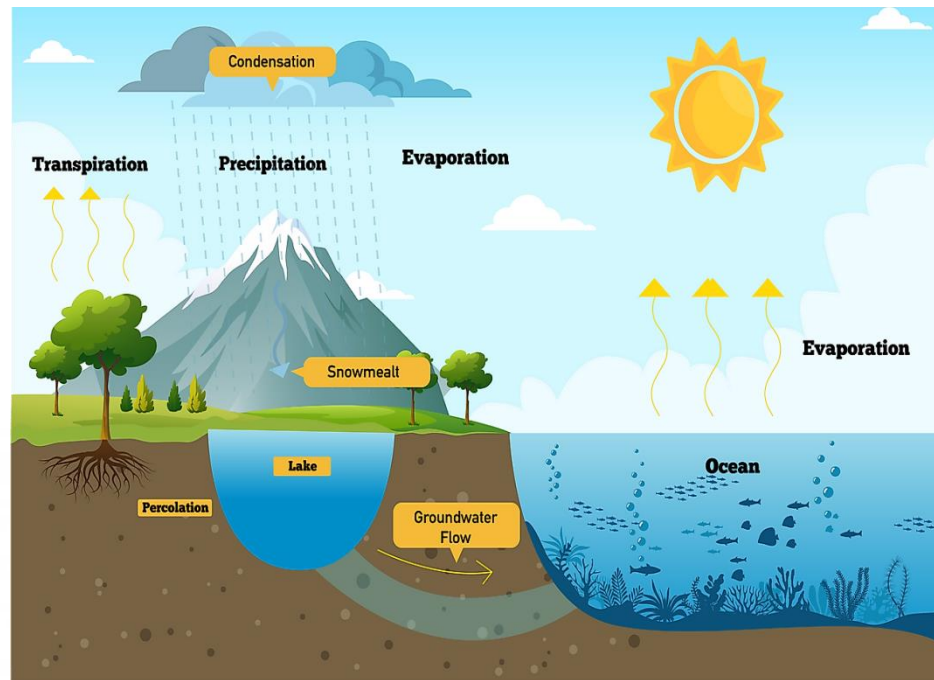
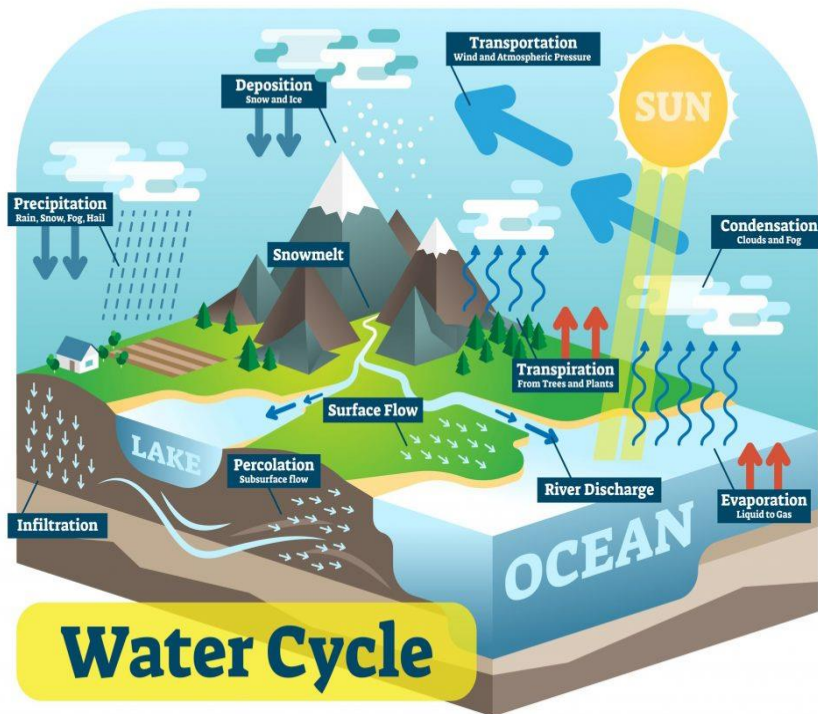
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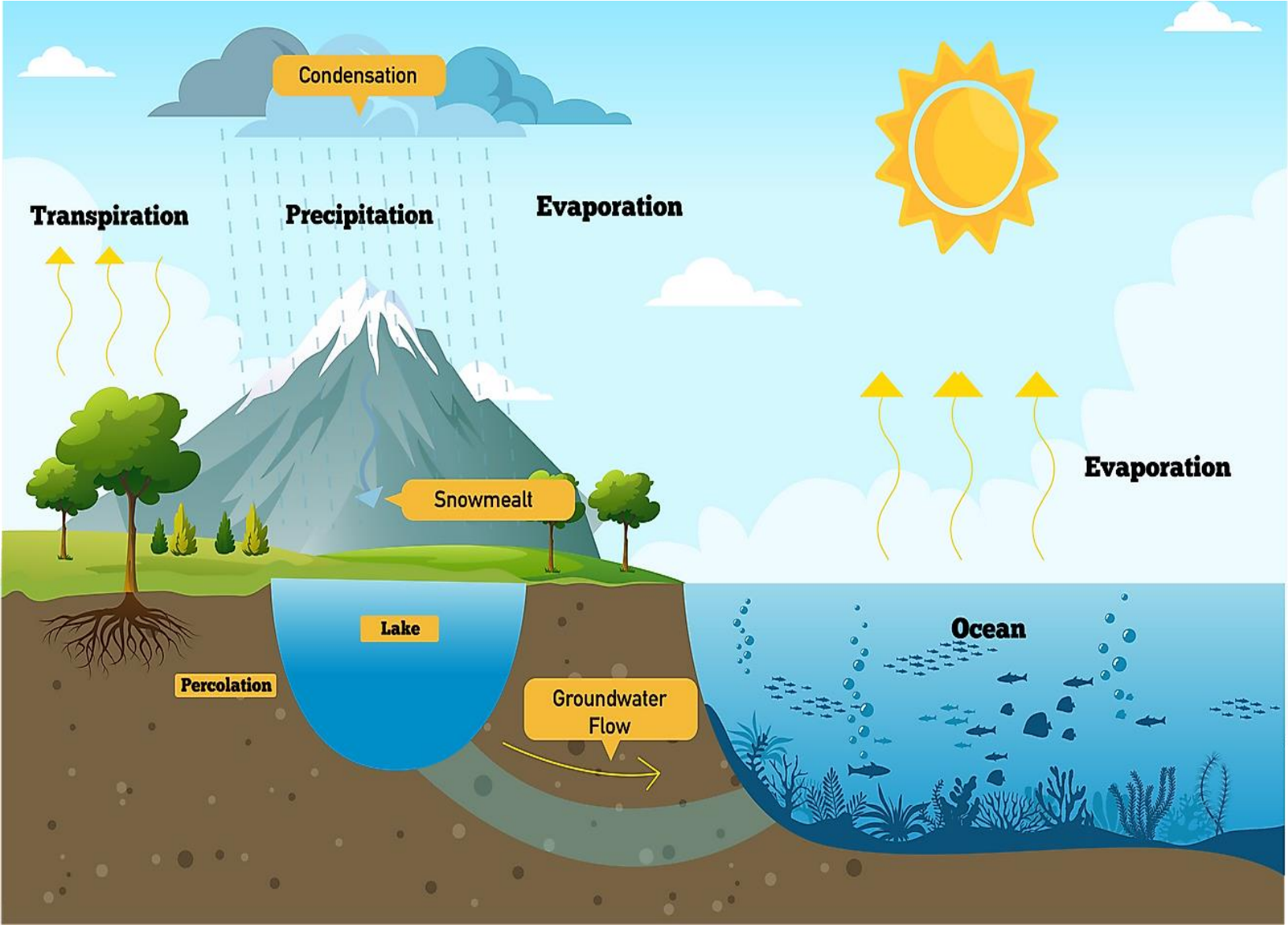
- 1. Air Blows Inward In Clockwise Direction In The Southern Hemisphere.**
- 2. Air Blows Inward In Anti-clockwise Direction In The Northern Hemisphere.**
- 3. On The Basis Of Place Of Origin.**

Cyclone		Region
1.	Tropical Cyclones	Indian Ocean
2.	Typhoons	China Sea
3.	Hurricanes	Caribbean Sea
4.	Willy Willies	Northern Australia
5.	Tomadoes	USA

Precipitation

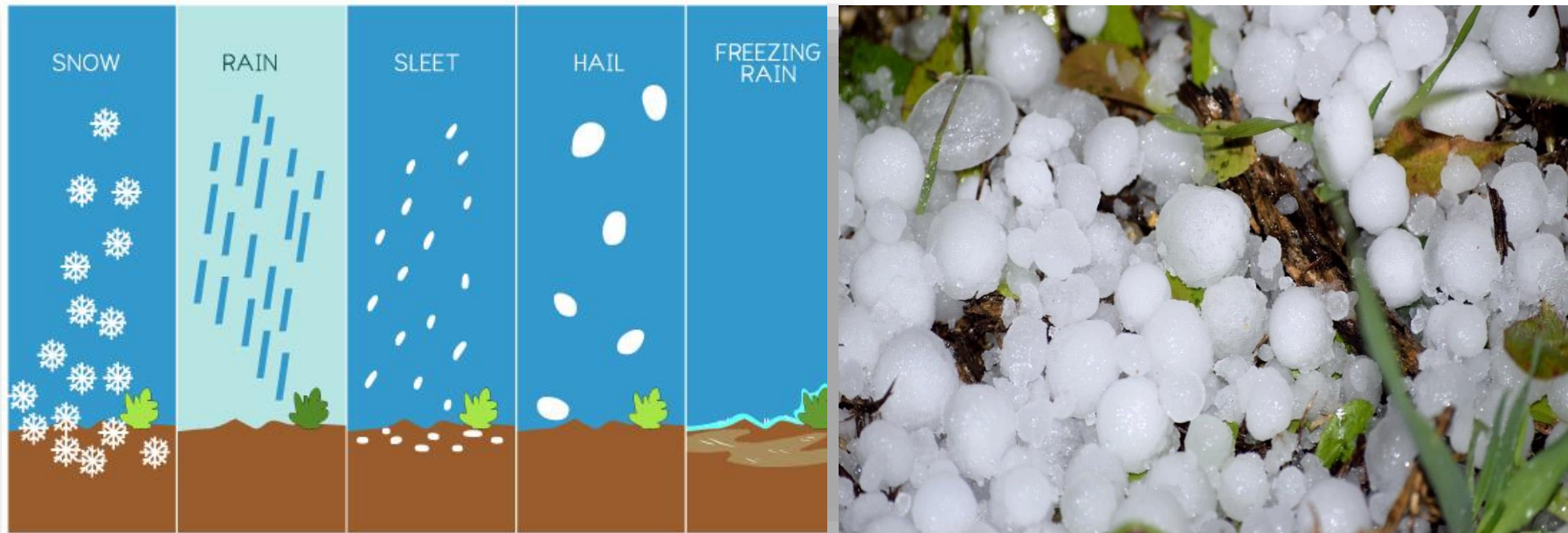
Condensation Of Atmospheric Water Vapour That Falls Under The Gravity Is Called As **Precipitation**. This Could Be In The Form Of **Rain, Snow Or Hail Etc.** Its Form Depends On The **Temperature At Which Water Vapour Condenses.**





Forms Of Precipitation

Hail: It Is A Form Of **Solid Precipitation** Consisting Of **Large Pellets Or Spheres Of Ice Balls** With The **Diameter Varying Between 5 To 50 Mm**. The **Falling Of Hail On The Ground Surface** Is Called **Hailstorm**. It Is Destructive As It **Destroys Agricultural Crops** And Claim **Human And Animal Lives**.



Forms Of Precipitation

Snowfall: It Is The Fall Of Large Snowflakes From Clouds On The Ground Surface. The Dew Point Should Be Below Freezing Point For Receiving Snowfall. It Is A Result Of Sublimation. **Sleet:** It Is A Mixture Of Snow And Rain. It Is A Small Pellets Formed By Freezing Of Raindrops Or Melting Snowflakes.



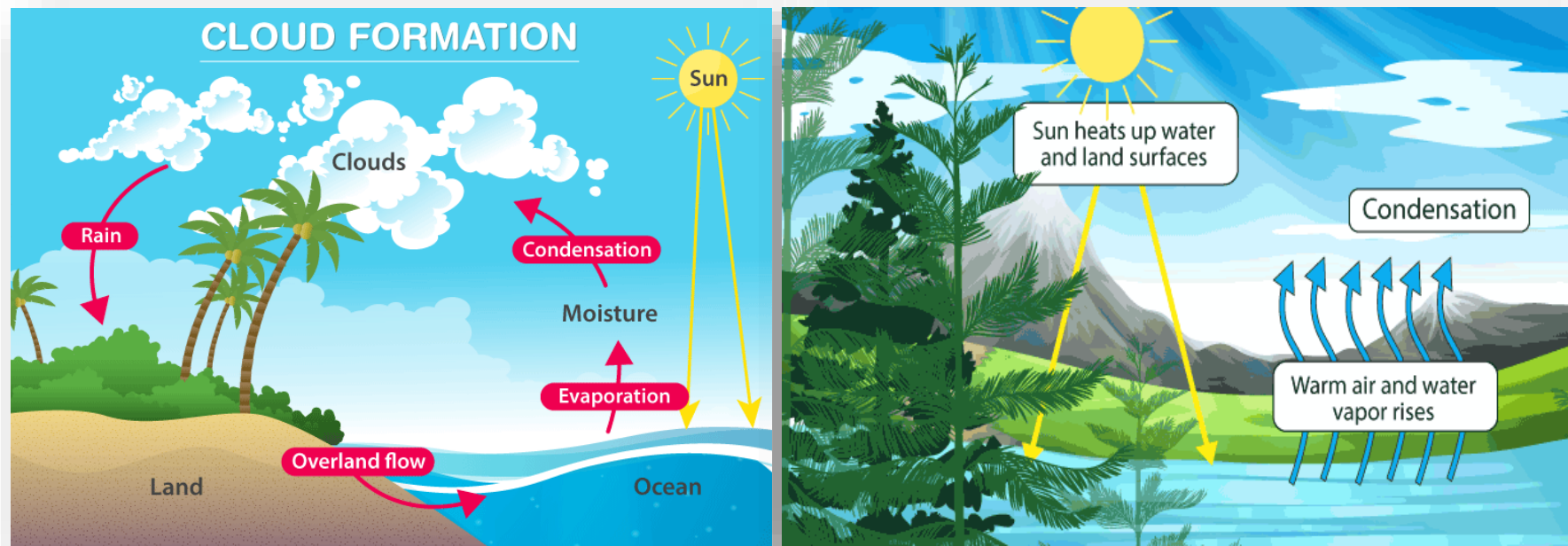
Rainfall

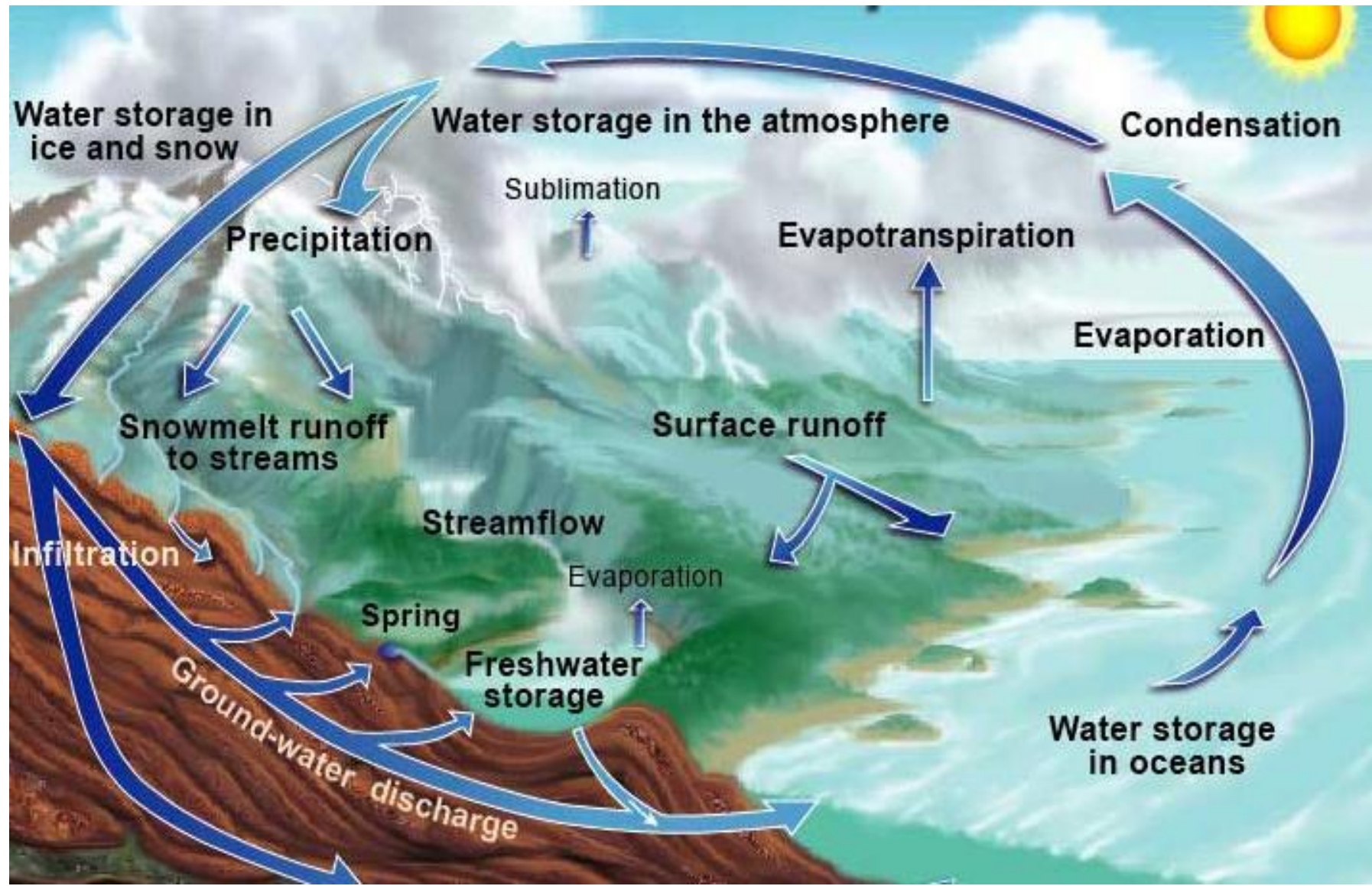
It Is A Process Wherein **Warm Air Ascends, Saturates And Condenses.**

Adiabatic Cooling Takes Place When The **Relative Humidity Becomes 100 Per**

Cent. The **Condensation Of Water Vapour** Takes Place Where Large

Hygroscopic Nuclei (Salt And Dust) Is Formed. It Is Called **Cloud Droplets** Shade

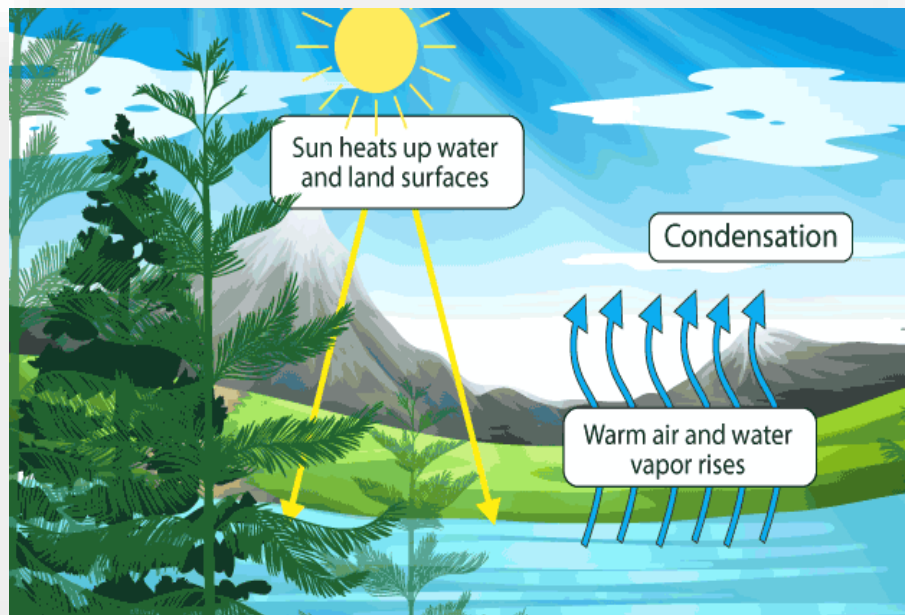




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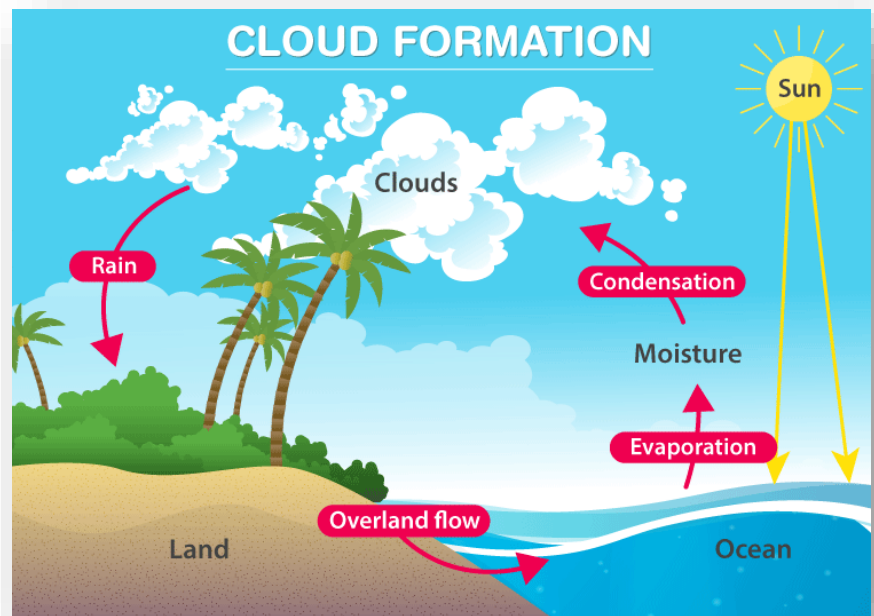
Rainfall Occurs When **Cloud Droplets Change To Raindrops** Which Involves **Two Processes:**

1. The **Warm And Moist Air Ascends** To Such A Height That The **Process Of Condensation Begins Below Freezing Point.**



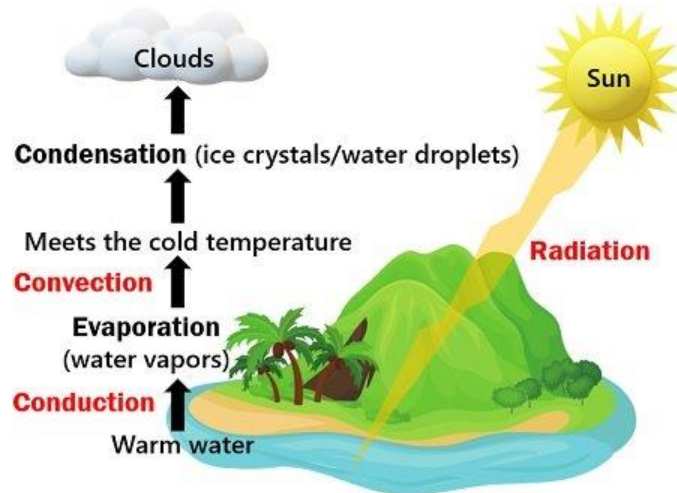
Rainfall

Both The **Water Droplets** And **Ice Droplets** Are Formed. The **Condensation** Takes Place As The **Water Droplets** **Evaporates** Around **Ice Droplets** Due To **Difference In Vapour Pressure**. These **Ice Droplets** Become **Large** And **Fall** When Finally They Are Not Able To Be Held Back In The Condensed Ice droplets.



Rainfall

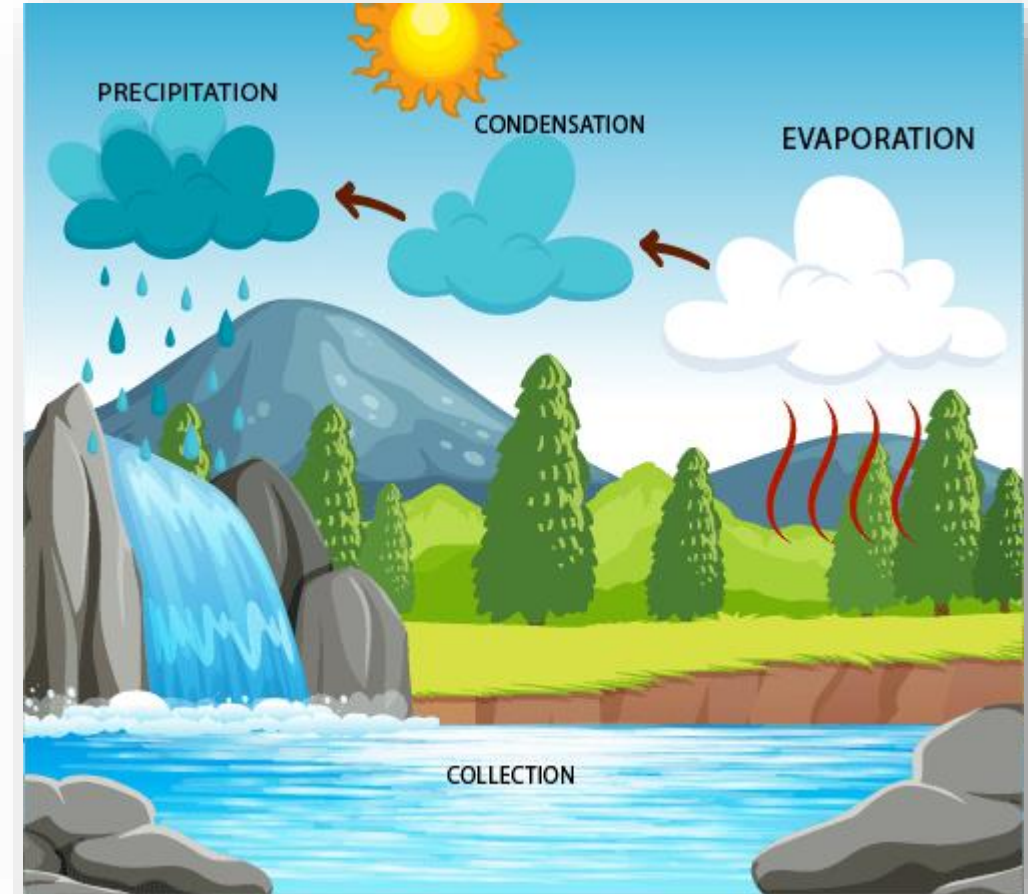
2. The **Suspended Cloud Droplets** In The Cloud Are Of **Varying Sizes**. They **Collide Among Themselves At Different Rate** As Their **Size Varies**. They **Combine To Form A Large Droplet**. Several **Cloud Droplets Are Coalesced To Form Raindrops**. When **Cloud Droplets Are Large Enough** That They Are **Unable To Hold** By Ascending Air They Begin To **Fall**.



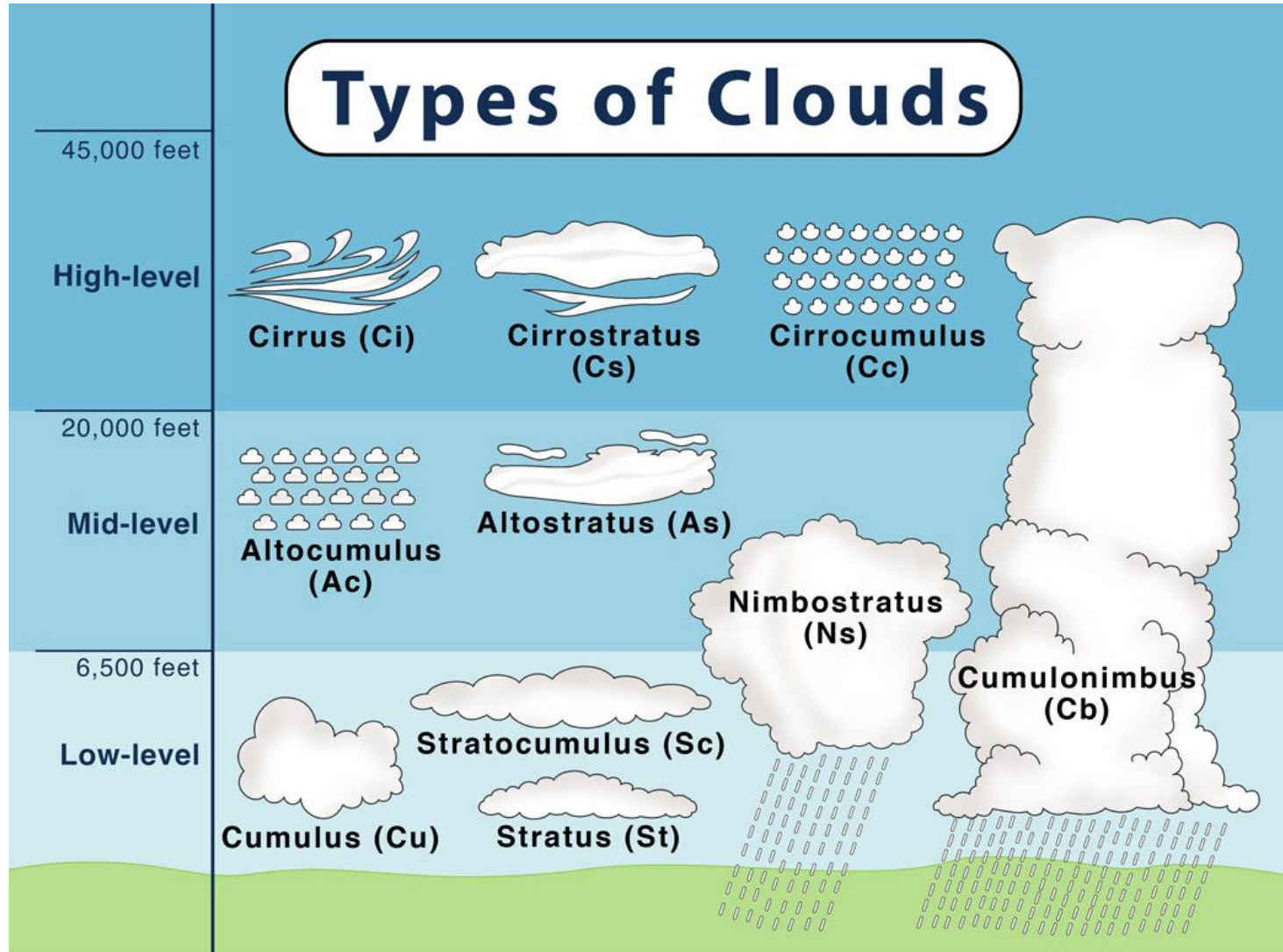
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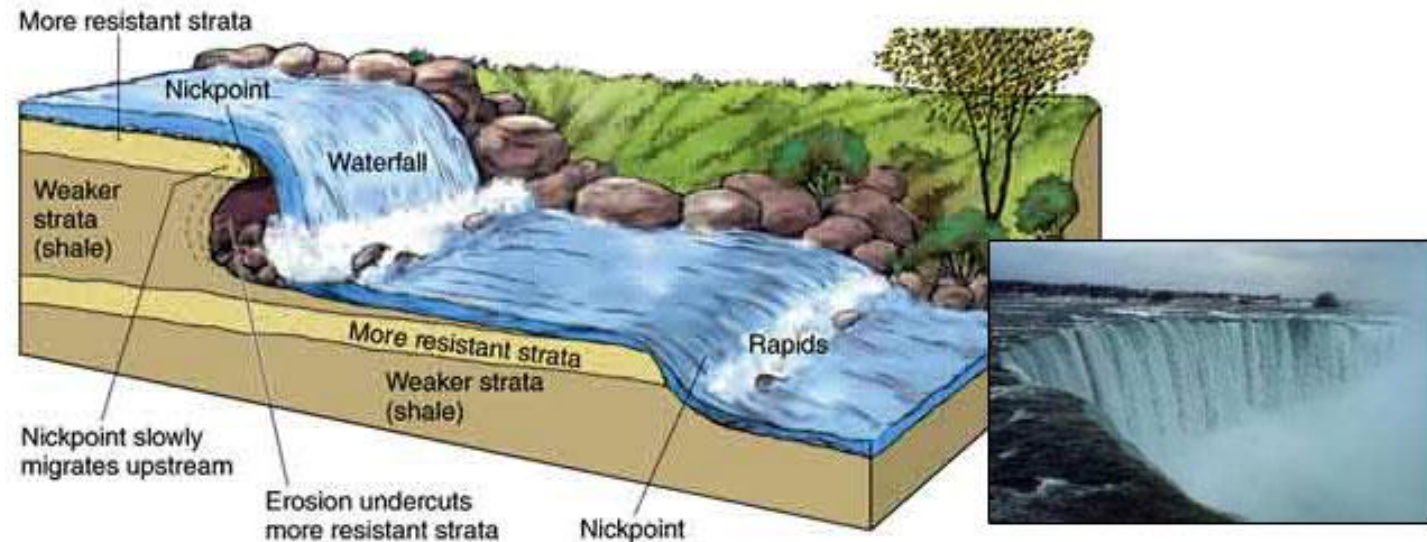
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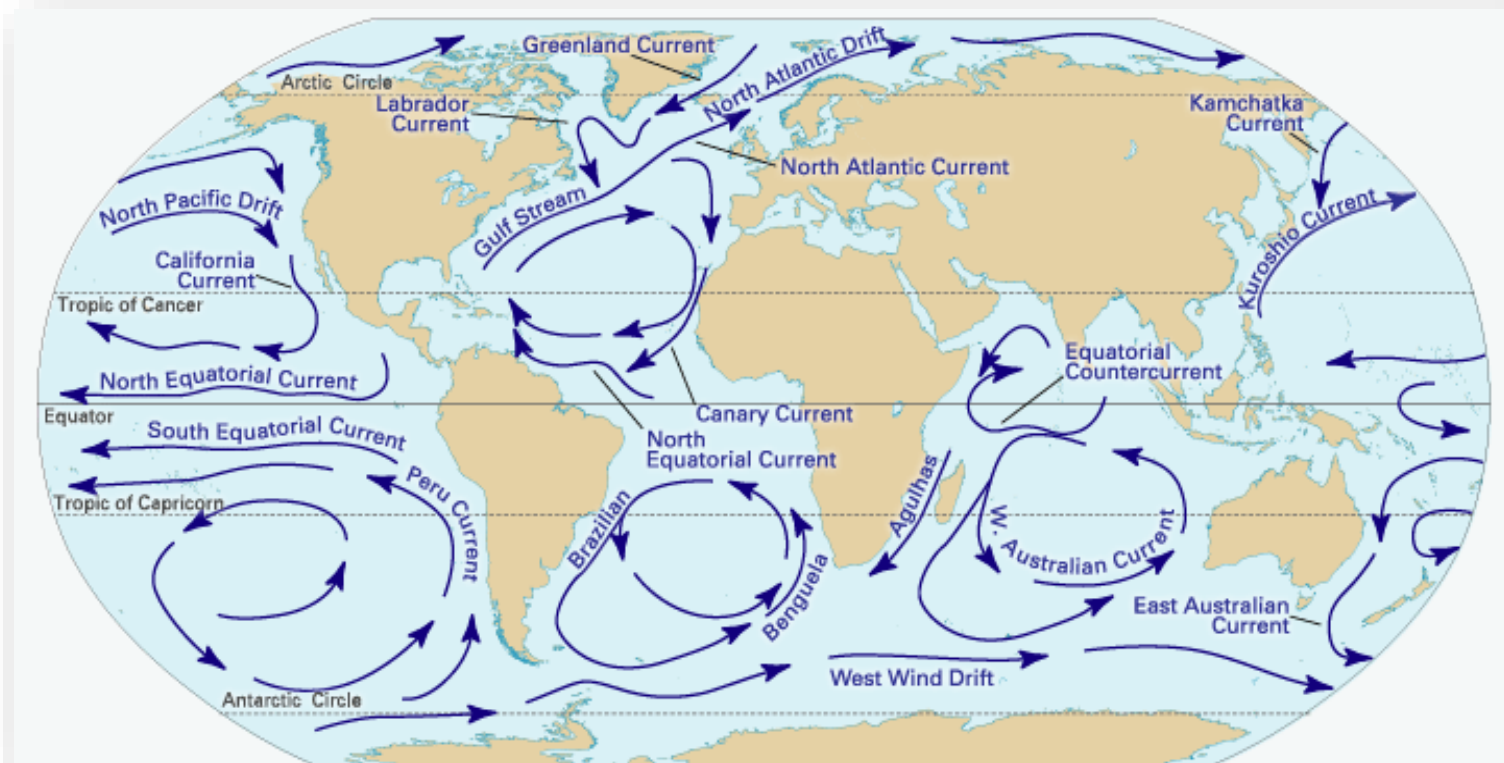
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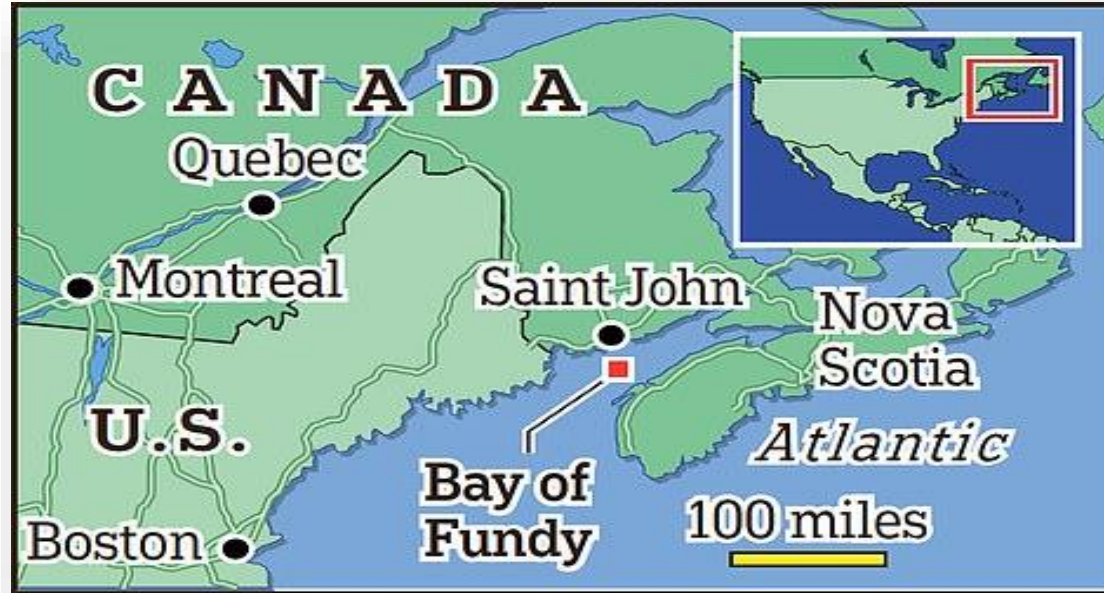
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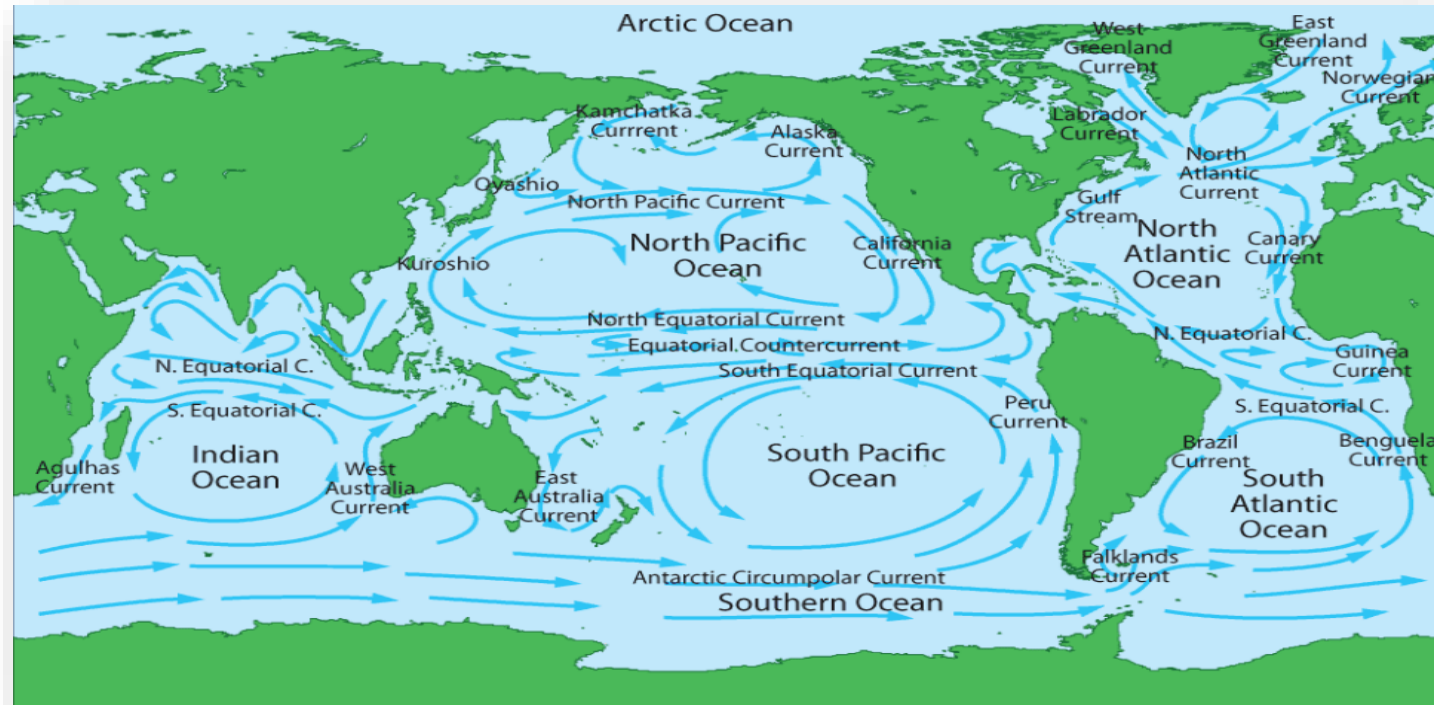
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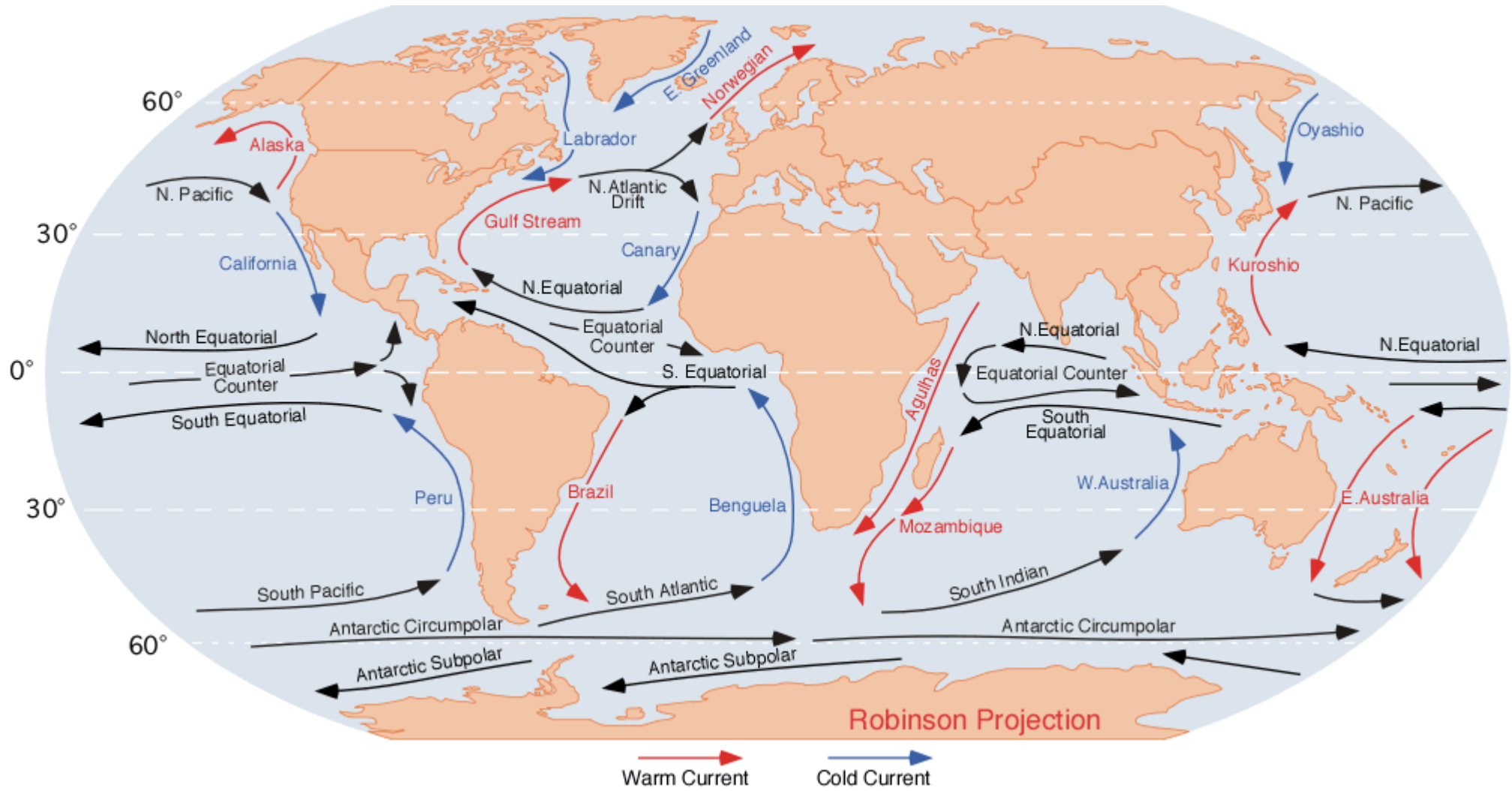
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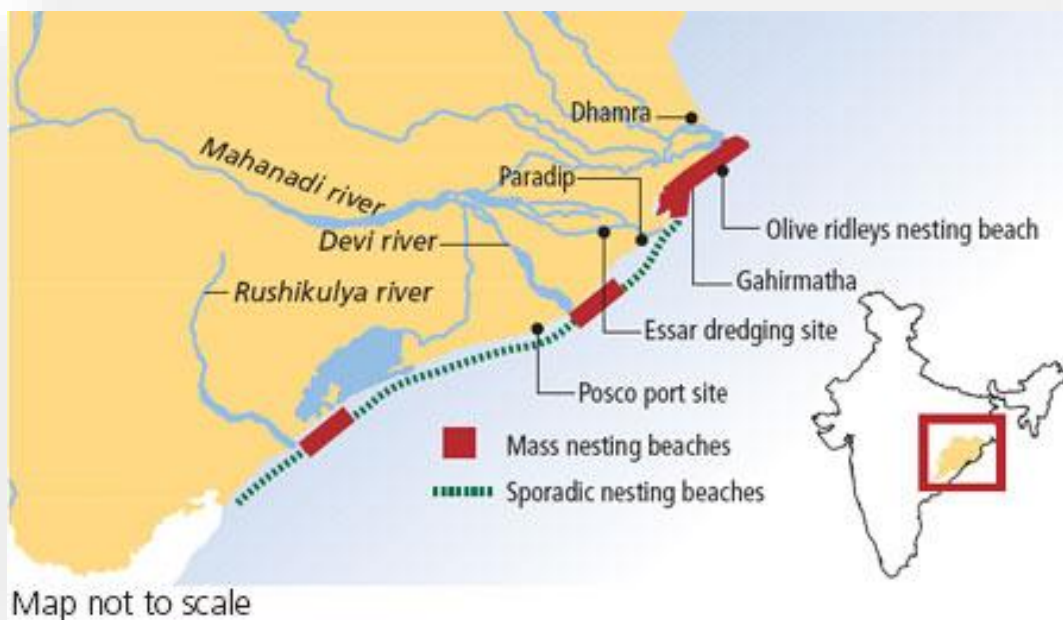
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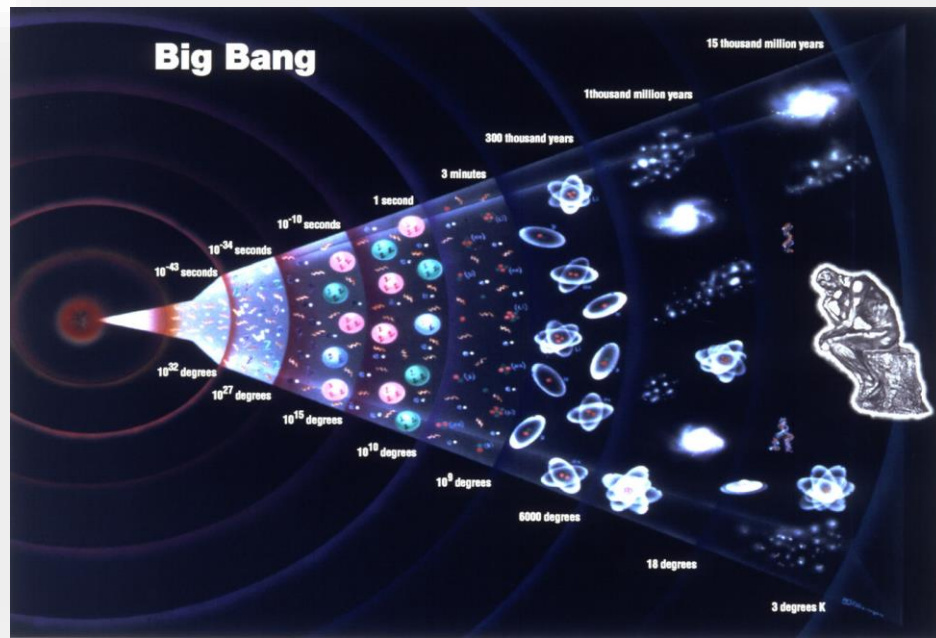


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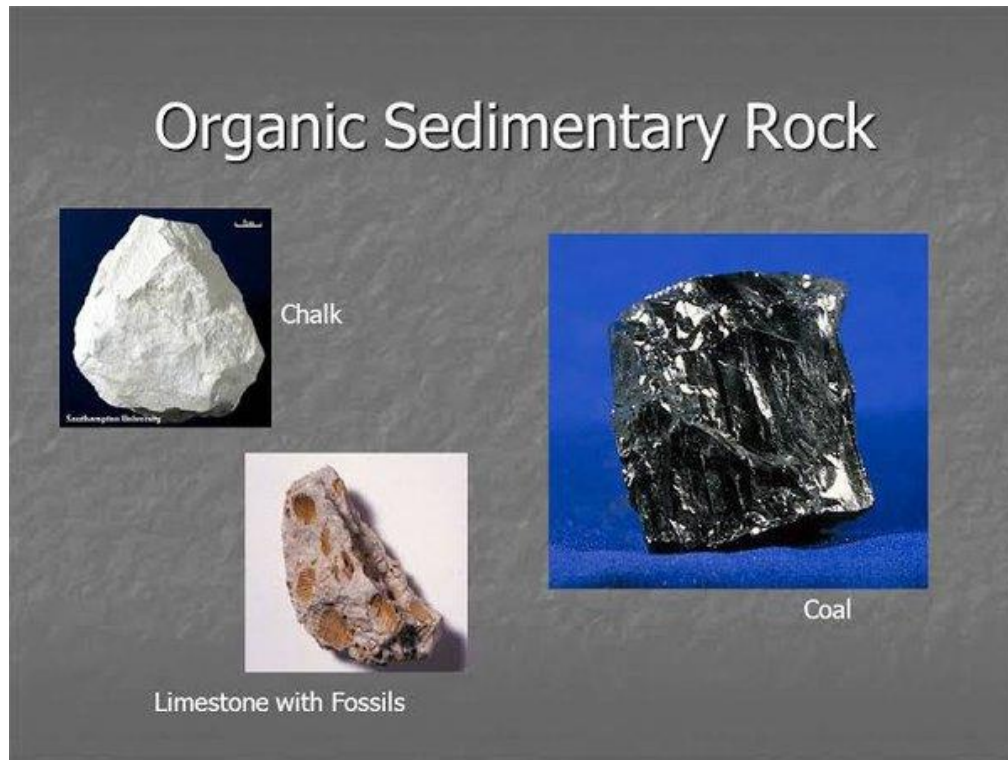
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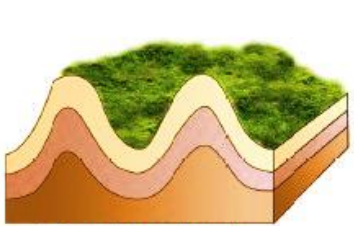
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	Mid-latitude desert	BWk	Mid-latitude arid or dry
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	Marine west coast	Cfb	No dry season, warm and cool summer
D-Cold Snow-forest Climates	Humid continental	Df	No dry season, severe winter
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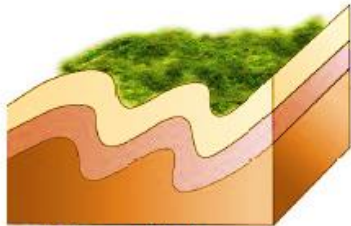
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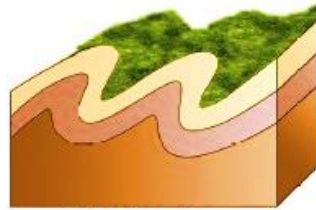
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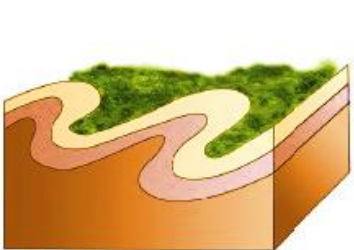
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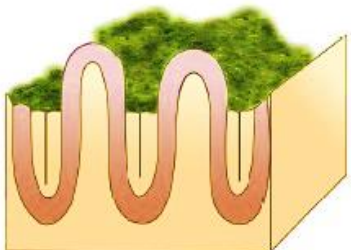
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The recumbent fold has a vertically horizontal axial plane. Fold is an undulation or wave in stratified rocks belonging to the Earth's crust.

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