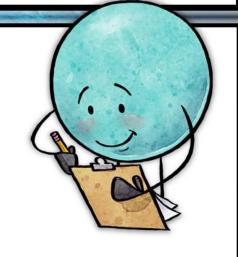


Everything that exists on our <u>planet</u> is categorized into one of <u>four</u> major systems based upon whether they are <u>land</u>, <u>water</u>, <u>air</u>, or <u>living</u> things.



All parts of the planet are interconnected and how they interact affects Earth's materials and processes.

ATMOSPHERE:



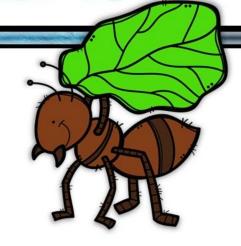
The atmosphere is a thin blanket of gases that surrounds the Earth and is held in place by gravity.

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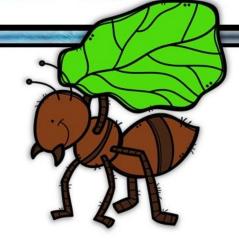
It contains the <u>air</u> we breathe and protects life from <u>radiation</u> from the Sun .

BIOSPHERE:



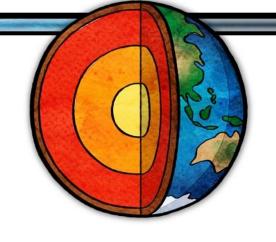
The biosphere is the place where <u>life</u> exists in <u>all</u> forms including <u>plants</u> and <u>animals</u>.

BIOSPHERE:



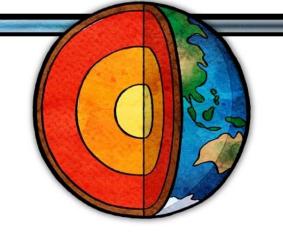
The biosphere includes parts of the atmosphere, geosphere, and hydrosphere.

GEOSPHERE:



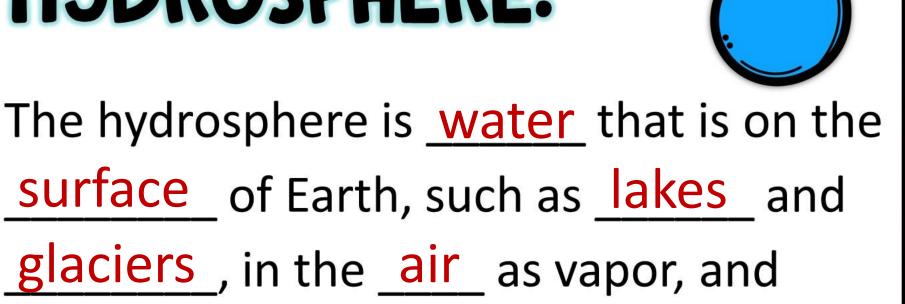
The geosphere is <u>solid</u> Earth made of <u>rocks</u>, <u>soil</u>, and <u>minerals</u> that exist on the <u>surface</u> and the <u>interior</u>.

GEOSPHERE:



It includes the <u>crust</u>, <u>mantle</u>, and core.

HYDROSPHERE:



water that is <u>beneath</u> the surface as

groundwater .