

# Vocabulary

Study the **atmosphere** and **climate** vocabulary words and definitions below.

**atmosphere** ..... the mixture of gases surrounding Earth

**climate** ..... the weather of an area over a long period of time

**continental climate** ..... type of climate found where there are huge land masses

**desert** ..... dry areas that receive less than 25 cm of rainfall per year

**exosphere** ..... the upper part of the thermosphere; extends into interplanetary space

**ionosphere** ..... the lower part of the thermosphere that contains electrically charged particles called ions

**jet stream** ..... narrow layer of strong winds that blow from west to east just above the troposphere

**marine climate** ..... type of climate found when an area is located near a large body of water

**mesosphere** ..... the coldest layer of the atmosphere, just above the stratosphere