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Lesson 1 Air and Weather

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1	air pressure	the weight of air pushing down on an area	
2	anemometer	measures wind speed	
3	atmosphere	a blanket of air that surrounds the Earth	
4	barometer	measures air pressure	
5	humidity	amount of water vapor in the air	
6	hygrometer	measures humidity	
7	rain gauge	measures how much it rained	
8	temperature	how hot or cold something is	
9	thermometer	instrument that measures temperature	
10	troposphere	the layer of atmosphere that holds most of our weather	
11	wind	moving air	
12	wind vane	points to direction the wind is blowing from	

Lesson 2 Water Cycle

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13	cloud	a group of water droplets in the atmosphere
14	condensation	the process of a gas becoming a liquid
15	evaporation	the process of a liquid becoming a gas
16	melting	the process of a solid becoming a liquid
17	freezing	What causes a liquid to change into a solid?
18	precipitation	the process of water falling back to Earth (as rain, snow, sleet, and hail)
19	sleet	small drops of rain that freeze in the air
20	Snow	ice crystals that form in clouds when the air is cold
21	transpiration	water that evaporates from plant leaves
22	water cycle	the ongoing movement of water from Earth to the atmosphere and back
23	water vapor	the gaseous form of water

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Types of clouds

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24	cirrus	wispy clouds high in the air
25	cumulus	puffy white clouds
26	stratus	low layered clouds
27	cumulonimbus	thick dark clouds that produce precipitation

Lesson 3 Tracking the Weather

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28	air masses	a large region of air with nearly the same temperature and water vapor
29	cold front	a fast moving air mass that brings stormy weather
30	forecast	weather predictions based on weather maps and patterns
31	front	boundary between air masses
32	hurricane	wide storms that form over warm ocean waters
33	stationary front	a boundary between air masses that doesn't move. Weather conditions may last for days.
34	thunderstorm	brings heavy rain and lightning
35	tornado	rotating columns of air that reach 250 mph
36	warm front	forms when a warm air mass pushes under cold air often brings light, steady rain

Lesson 4 Climate

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37	altitude	a measure of how high a place is above sea level	
38	climate	average weather of a region over a long period of time	
39	current	directed flow of a gas or a liquid	
40	equator	where latitude is at zero degrees, and there is a tropical climate	
41	global winds	winds that circulate the air between the equator and the poles	
42	latitude	a measure of how far a place is from the equator	
43	mountains	a high land form that separates two different types of climate	
44	ocean current	directed flow of water over long distances through the ocean	
45	polar regions	regions with cold climates and low precipitation	
46	temperate region	regions found between polar and tropical regions have 2 seasons (warm and dry) or 4 seasons	
47	tropical region	region near equator - have warm, humid, rainy climates	