
Weather

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Humidity is related to temperature. Humidity is the amount of water vapor that is in the air. The air around us is full of water. You can't see it, but it is in the air because water evaporates from lakes, rivers, and oceans. There are two types of humidity. Absolute humidity is a measure of how much water vapor the air is able to hold. The hotter it is outside, the more it can hold. Relative humidity is a measure of how much water vapor is actually in the air. When forecasters say there is 50% humidity, it means the air is holding half of the amount of moisture than it is able to hold. When it is very humid, the air feels heavy, sticky, and very uncomfortable. When the humidity is around 100%, the air can't hold any more moisture. The water vapor then turns back to a liquid and falls back to the ground as precipitation.



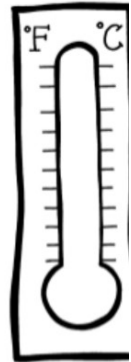
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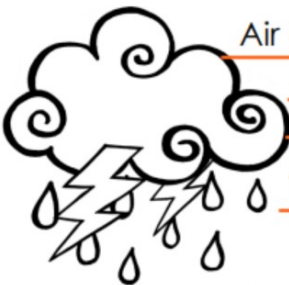
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1. What is the difference between weather and climate? Weather is the conditions of a certain place at a certain time. Climate is long term weather patterns
 2. How is humidity related to temperature? The hotter it is, the more water vapor the air can hold. The more water vapor in the air, the hotter and stickier it feels.
 3. What type of weather is associated with high pressure? Usually clear, sunny days.

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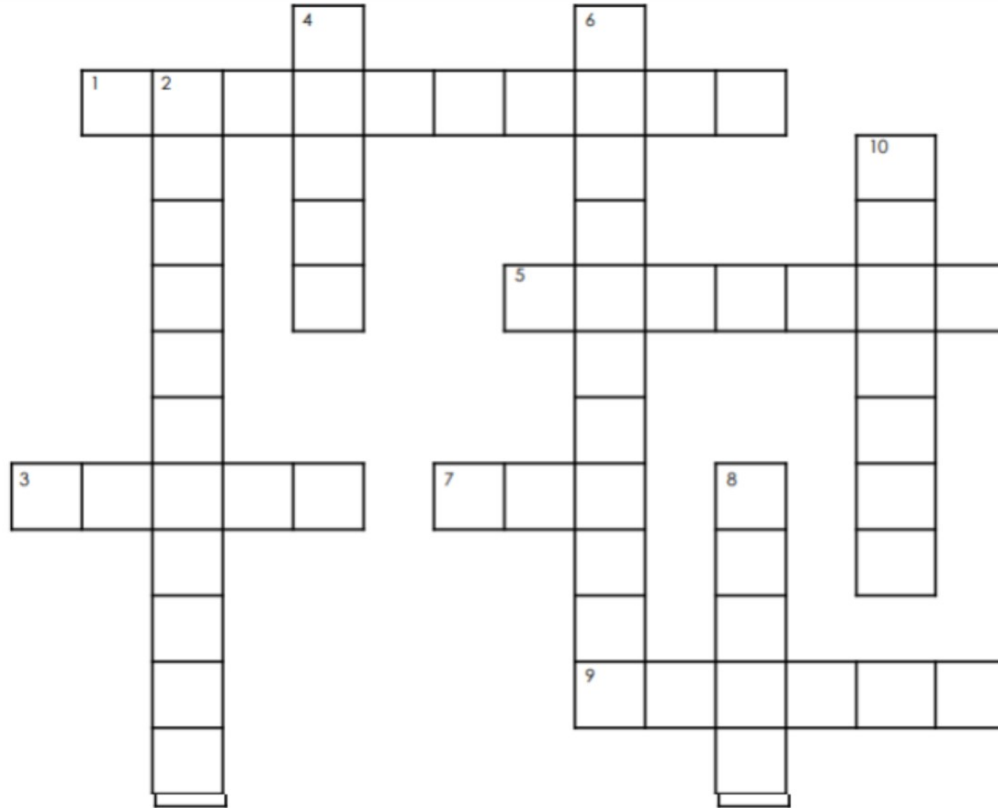
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Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues below:

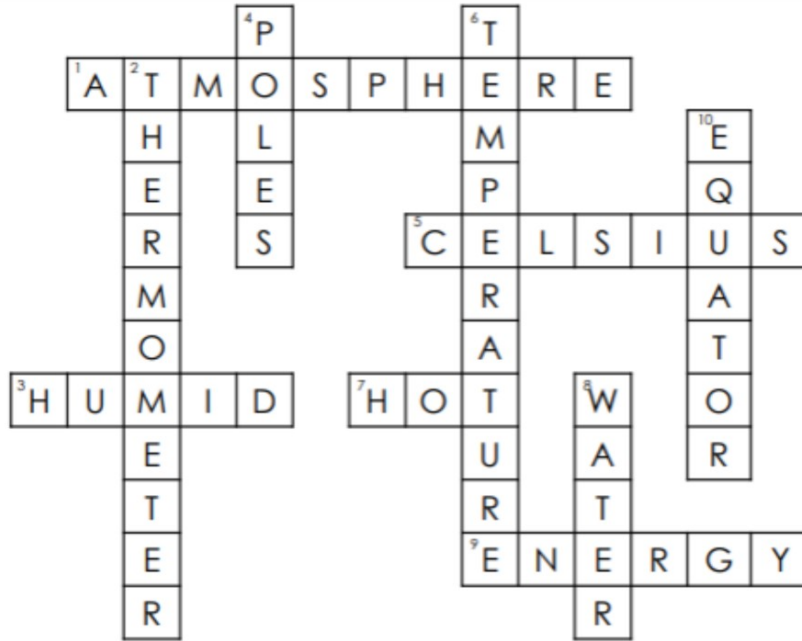


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1. Weather is the condition of the _____ at a certain place and time.	2. Temperature is measured on a _____.
3. The air feels sticky and uncomfortable when it is very _____.	4. Areas near the _____ have cold climate.
5. Temperature is calculated in degrees _____.	6. _____ is the measure of how hot or cold the air is.
7. Temperature near the equator is _____.	8. When the air cannot hold any more moisture, the _____ vapor turns into liquid and falls to the ground as precipitation.
9. The air receives more ENERGY from the sun when it is warmer.	10. Areas near the _____ have a warm climate.

Answer Key *let's learn about* **WEATHER**

Name: **ANSWER KEY**

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How do meteorologist predict the weather?

Meteorologist sample a wide network of weather stations and use satellites images to map out he position of the large air masses circulating the earth. Since air masses interact in a relatively predictable ways, meteorologist are able to predict weather patterns.