

# ATMOSPHERIC MOTION

SC.6.E.7.5 Explain how energy provided by the Sun influences global patterns of atmospheric movement and the temperature differences between air, water, and land.

Essential Question: How does energy move predictably between land, water and the air above it?

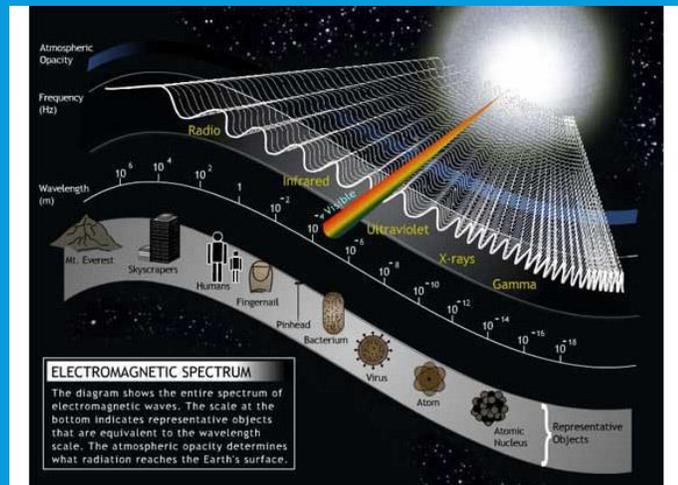
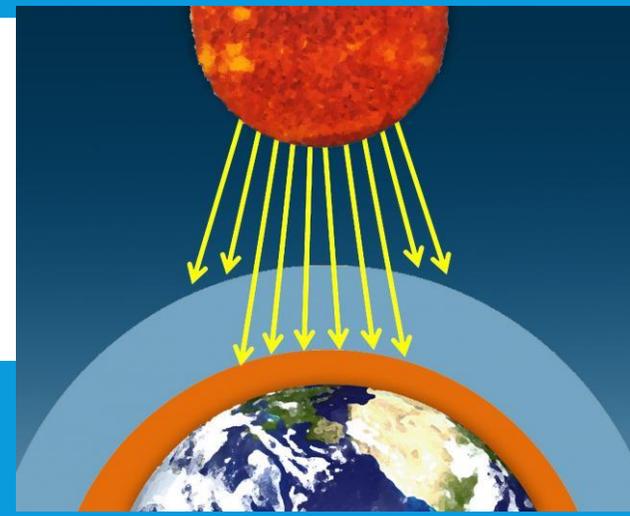
# DO NOW

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- A. Energy streaming through space toward Thomas
- B. Heat being transferred from air particles to the asphalt
- C. Heat moving through Thomas's clothes to warm his skin
- D. Warm air rising from just above the asphalt to reach the level of Thomas's face

# RADIATION

- **Radiation:** Electromagnetic Waves from the Sun travel through our atmosphere and hit the surface (land, water)
- When absorbed, the light transforms to heat energy.



# CONDUCTION

**CONDUCTION:** *The transfer of heat energy by two or more objects in contact with each other.*

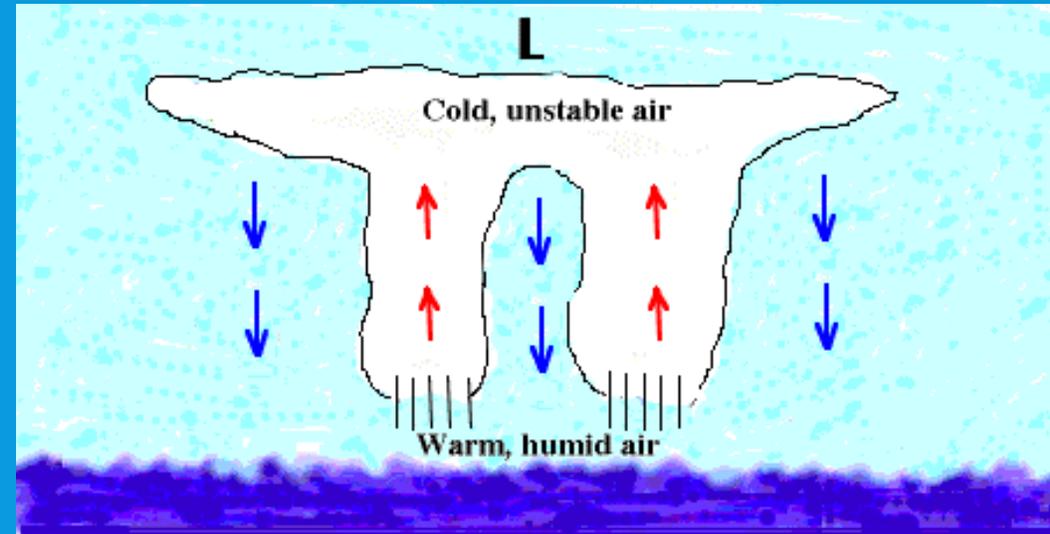
- *The hot land warms the air it **touches** above it*
- *The warm water warms the air it **touches** above it.*



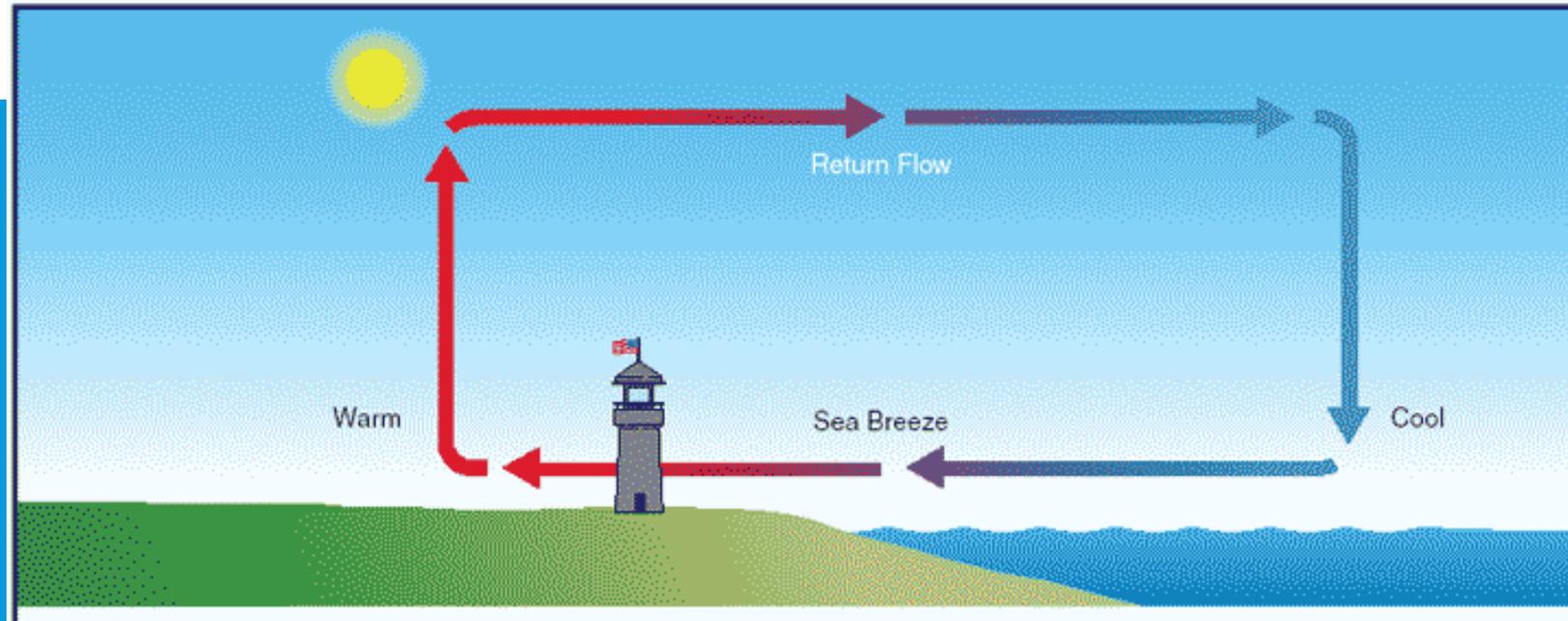
# CONVECTION

**Convection:** The transfer of energy through the movement of hot or cool fluids (air and water).

- Hot air rises because it has low pressure.
- Cool air sinks because it has high pressure.
- Differences in temperature (and air pressure) cause wind (moving air trying to reach the same temperature.)

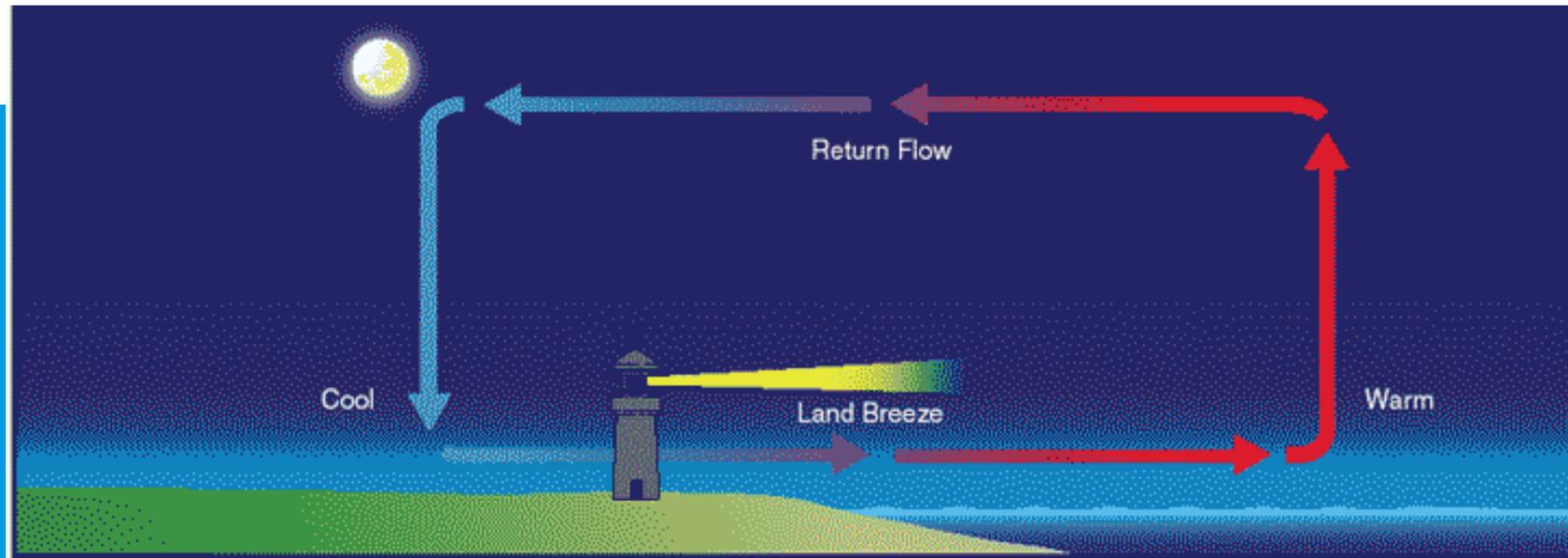


# SEA BREEZE



- During the day, the land is **HOTTER** than the ocean.
- A breeze moves from the cool air over water (**HIGH** pressure) to the warm air over land (**LOW** pressure).

# LAND BREEZE



- At night, the ocean is **WARMER** than the land.
- A breeze moves from the cool air over land (**HIGH** pressure) to the warm air over the ocean (**LOW** pressure).

## SPECIFIC HEAT

- How quickly a substance absorbs and gives off heat.
- Land heats up/gives off heat very quickly.
- Water heats up/gives off heat very slowly.

# WE DO COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY

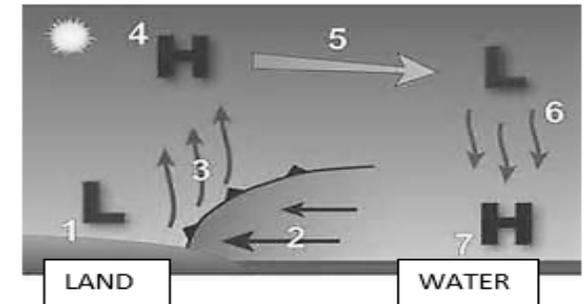
## Atmospheric Movement We Do

Categorize the following examples as Radiation (R), Conduction (Cd), or Convection (Cv):

1. Hot air rising off of very hot blacktop. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Waves being absorbed by a black shirt. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Warmer and cooler water mixing where a river and ocean meet. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hot sand heating the cooler sand beneath it. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the questions below:

5. Areas near the equator typically get more radiation energy (heat) than areas near the poles. What is causing the Earth to be heated so unevenly? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What type of pressure is found where air is hot? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What type of pressure is found where air is cool? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Wind moves from areas of \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to areas of \_\_\_\_\_ pressure.
9. Where in the diagram is hot air rising? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where in the diagram is cool air sinking? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where in the diagram is wind moving? \_\_\_\_\_



EXIT TICKET: Essential Question: How does energy move predictably between land, water and the air above it?

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