



Content Vocabulary Activity

Directions: Fill in the Blanks Select a term from the box below to complete each of the sentences that follow.

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| solar system | millennium | equinox |
| Tropics | Global Positioning System | geography |
| decade | winter solstice | axis |
| leap year | relative location | atmosphere |
| revolution | environment | summer solstice |
| rotate | Geographic Information Systems | century |
| orbit | | |
| absolute location | | |

1. Earth, seven other major planets, thousands of smaller bodies, and the sun make up our _____.
2. The _____ is the exact spot on Earth where a geographic feature is found.
3. The _____ are the low-latitude areas near the Equator between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
4. In the Northern Hemisphere, the day with the fewest hours of sunlight is called the _____.
5. _____ is the study of the Earth and its people.
6. The _____ is an imaginary line that passes through the center of Earth from the North Pole to the South Pole.
7. _____ are computer hardware and software that gather, store, and analyze geographic information and then display it on a screen.
8. People affect and are affected by their natural surroundings, or _____.
9. A day that falls midway between the two solstices is called a(n) _____.
10. Each planet follows its own path around the sun, which is called its _____.
11. The _____ of a geographic feature is where the feature is found compared to the features around it.

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12. The day that has the most hours of sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere is the _____.
13. Earth takes $365\frac{1}{4}$ days to make a complete circuit, or _____, around the sun.
14. The _____ is a group of satellites that gives out radio signals that record the exact location of every place on Earth.
15. A period of 10 years is called a(n) _____.
16. The _____ is the layer of oxygen and gases that surrounds the Earth.
17. A period of 1,000 years is a(n) _____.
18. During a(n) _____, the extra fourths of a day are combined and added to the calendar as February 29.
19. A(n) _____ is a period of 100 years.
20. Planets _____, or spin on their axes, as they orbit the sun.