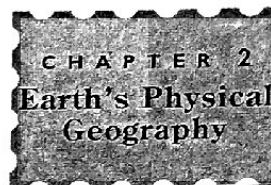


GUIDED READING AND REVIEW



Our Planet, the Earth

**A. As You Read**

Directions: As you read Section 1, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Why is our galaxy called the Milky Way?

2. Why are days longer than nights at certain times of the year?

3. When does the summer solstice occur in the Northern Hemisphere?

4. Why is it almost always hot in the area called the tropics?

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.

5. The imaginary line running through the Earth between the North and the South poles is called the _____.
6. The polar zones are also called the _____ latitudes.
7. Temperate zones, or _____ latitudes, have different seasons throughout the year.
8. The oval-shaped path that the Earth takes around the sun is called a(n) _____.
9. As the Earth travels around the sun, it spins on its axis, making a full _____ about every 24 hours.
10. Each year, the Earth makes one _____ around the sun.
11. It is almost always hot in the tropics, or _____ latitudes.