

Language—Using parts of speech in context

Check Out the Atmosphere

One of Dr. X's thugs was talking to another. Can you make sense of what he said? Fill in the missing words. Make sure each is the right part of speech.

I asked Dr. X what was between us and space. He said the _____ NOUN. He said it was like a _____ NOUN of air surrounding the earth. What does it do, I _____ verb? Dr. X explained. "First, the atmosphere _____ verb all the plant and animal life on _____ NOUN. It protects us from harmful _____ NOUN and very hot or cold temperatures. Also, it _____ verb oxygen, the gas we need to breathe. Without the atmosphere, the earth might _____ verb like Mars—a barren, lifeless planet. I _____ verb that I like atmosphere."

look
blanket
wondered
atmosphere
earth
decided
supports
provides
radiation



Atmosphere has another meaning. Have you been to the *Squishy Face Bar* or *Benny's Fun Land*? The "atmosphere" in those places is a little different. Can you describe what that kind of atmosphere means?