

Composition and Structure of Earth's Atmosphere

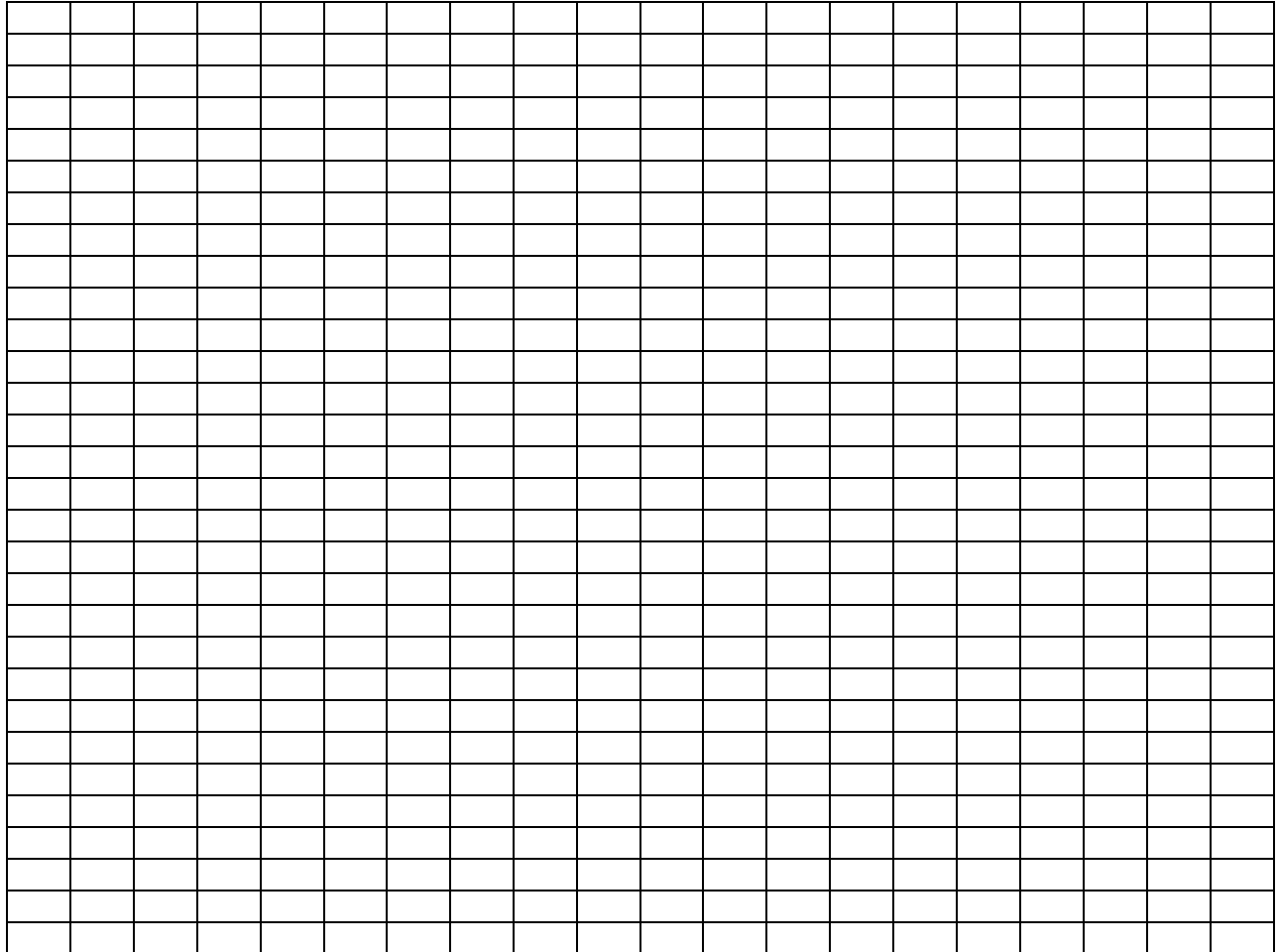
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Part 3: Structure of the Atmosphere

1. Make a graph of the following data table. Place Temperature (°Celsius) on the x-axis and Height above ground (kilometers) on the y-axis.

T	20	-50	-60	-57	-40	-20	-10	-15	-40	-70	-90	-	-90	-10	60	?	
H	0	10	15	20	30	40	45	50	60	70	80	100	90	100	110	115	120



2. Now, analyze your graph. What happens to temperature as height increases?
3. What criteria would you use to divide the atmosphere into vertical layers? Use these criteria to draw layers (in pencil) on your graph.
4. Now look at pages 370 to 372 of your textbook. Did your layers match the criteria that the book outlines? If so, label and draw the different layers on your graph. Highlight the major characteristics of each.