

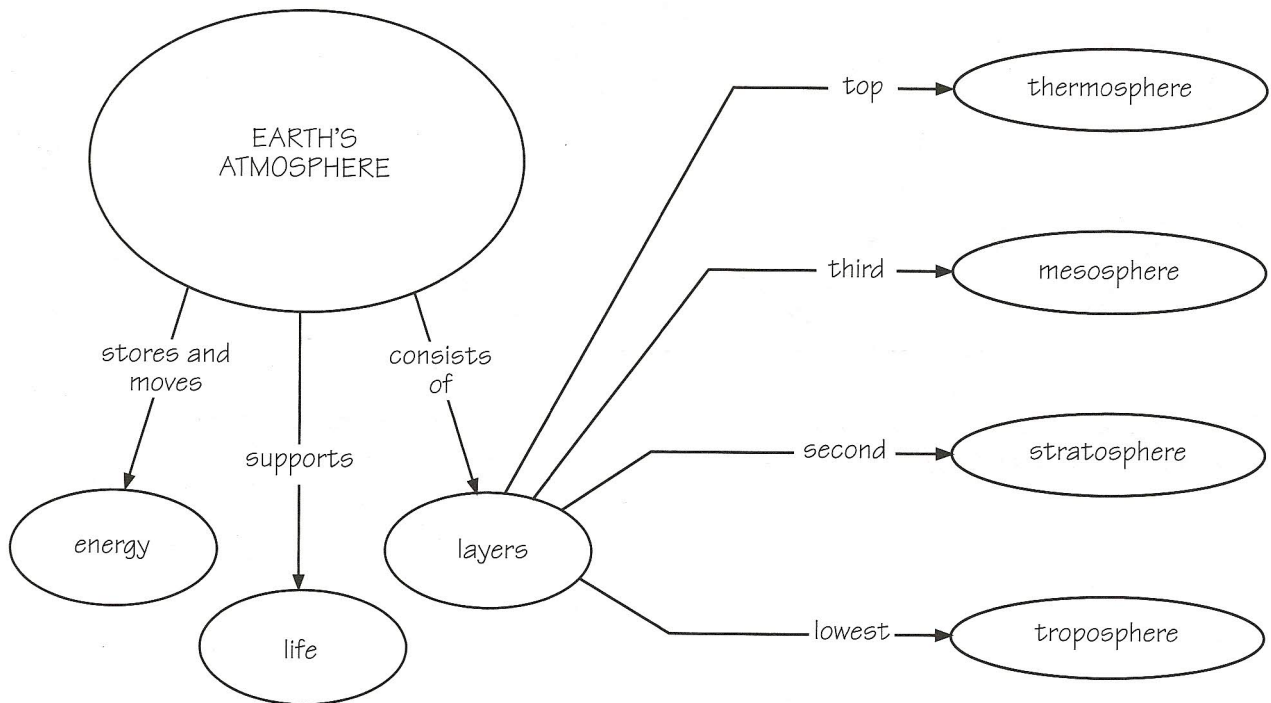
Concept Map

Concept mapping can be challenging for students, but it is an excellent skill for learning science concepts. The process of figuring out how to map out a concept can in itself help students learn the concept—and the map then becomes an excellent study tool for later on.

In the textbook, the main ideas or concepts can often be found in the blue headings. A good strategy is to use nouns from these concepts in the ovals, and use the verb or verbs on the lines. Introduce the use of concept maps by reading or writing on the board the following statement:

Four ways that information can clarify a concept are by

- explaining a process
- identifying effects
- providing examples
- dividing a concept into parts



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1. Write an important concept in a large oval.
2. Add details related to the concept in smaller ovals.
3. Write linking words on arrows that connect the ovals.

