

CHAPTER 2

Guided Reading Strategies 2.3
Earth in Space

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine the descriptions of the Earth system below. For each description, place a check mark in the box next to the part of the Earth system being described.

1. The solid crust of the planet

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

2. Includes all life forms, both plants and animals

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

3. The envelope of gases that surrounds Earth

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

4. All of Earth's water

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

5. Includes land and soil

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

6. Extends from deep ocean floors to high in the atmosphere

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

7. Protects Earth from the Sun's harmful radiation

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

8. Covers about 70 percent of Earth's surface

- Atmosphere Lithosphere Hydrosphere Biosphere

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain how individuals can influence decision making on environmental issues.
