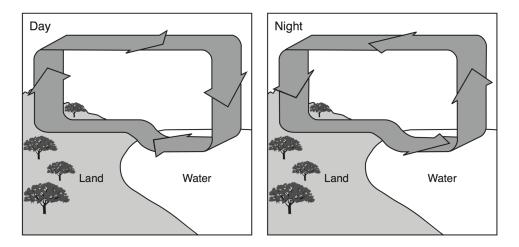
Weather

The Physical Setting: Earth Science

Worksheet: Weather Variables

- 1. A balloon carrying weather instruments is released at the Earth's surface and rises through the troposphere. As the balloon rises, what will the instruments generally indicate?
 - a. an increase in both air temperature and air pressure
 - b. a decrease in air temperature and a increase in air pressure
 - c. an increase in air temperature and a decrease in air pressure
 - d. a decrease in both air temperature and air pressure
- 2. Wind moves from regions of
 - a. high temperature toward regions if low temperature
 - b. high humidity toward regions of low humidity
 - c. high precipitation toward regions of low precipitation
 - d. high pressure toward regions of low pressure

The diagram below represents the circulation of air above Earth's surface at a coastal location during the day and at night.



- 3. This local air movement is best described as an example of
 - a. conduction between Earth's surface and the atmosphere above it
 - b. condensation of water vapor during the day, and evaporation water during the night
 - c. convection resulting from temperature and pressure differences above the land and water
 - d. greater radiation from the warmer ocean during the day and from the warmer land at night
- 4. The primary cause of winds is the
 - a. uniform density of the atmosphere
 - b. unequal heating of the Earth's atmosphere
 - c. friction between the atmosphere and the lithosphere
 - d. rotation of the Earth

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- 5. Which layer of the atmosphere experiences a decrease in temperature?
 - a. Stratosphere
 - b. Thermosphere
 - c. Troposphere
 - d. Exosphere
- 6. Which process most directly results in cloud formation?
 - a. transpiration
 - b. precipitation
 - c. radiation
 - d. condensation
- 7. Which factor is most directly related to wind velocity?
 - a. relative humidity
 - b. pressure gradient
 - c. dewpoint
 - d. cloud type
- 8. Which cross section best represents how surface winds form by mid-afternoon near a shore summer day? [Diagrams are not drawn to scale.]

