



## 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



*Go Hammet here...*



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