

Unit 3 Lesson 2 Vocabulary

1. **Troposphere (p. 162)** – Lowest layer of the atmosphere. Where weather occurs and where living things are.
2. **Stratosphere (p. 162)** – Just above the troposphere. Ozone layer is here.
3. **Mesosphere (p. 162)** – Just above the stratosphere. The middle layer of the atmosphere. Meteoroids begin to burn up here. (Meso- means MIDDLE)
4. **Thermosphere (p.162)** – Just above the Mesosphere. It is VERY hot here, around 1500° C or higher. (Thermo- means HEAT)
5. **Exosphere (p. 162)** – The last layer of the atmosphere before you enter space. (EXIT)
6. **Ozone Layer (p.164)** - Is in the stratosphere. Absorbs ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Has a high concentration of ozone. Protects Earth acting like a layer of sunscreen.