

Reading Tip

The main idea is often the first sentence in a paragraph but not always.

Target Your Reading

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

- 1 Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
 - Write an **A** if you **agree** with the statement.
 - Write a **D** if you **disagree** with the statement.
- 2 After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you've changed your mind about any of the statements.
 - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
 - Change any false statements into true statements.
 - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

Before You Read A or D	Statement	After You Read A or D
	1 Earth's atmosphere is mostly oxygen.	
	2 Air pressure is greater near Earth's surface and decreases higher in the atmosphere.	
	3 The ozone layer absorbs most of the harmful infrared radiation that enters the atmosphere.	
	4 Conduction is the transfer of heat by the flow of material.	
	5 In the atmosphere, cold, dense air sinks, causing hot, less dense air to rise.	
	6 Wind is the movement of air from an area of lower pressure to an area of higher pressure.	
	7 Earth's surface is heated evenly by the Sun.	
	8 Earth's rotation affects the direction in which air and water move.	
	9 Jet streams are legally defined zones in the atmosphere where only jets are allowed to travel.	