Answer Key

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| environment | Our surroundings in countless ways. |
| orbit | The path of the Earth as it moves around the sun. |
| revolution | One complete orbit of the Earth around the sun, every 365 days (1 year). |
| axis | An imaginary line around which the Earth turns. |
| rotation | The spinning motion of the Earth, which takes 24 hours for one time. |
| latitude | An imaginary parallel line to the Equator/used to measure north or south of the Equator in degrees. |
| high latitudes | The regions between the Arctic Circle and the North Pole and the Antarctic Circle and the South Pole. |

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| middle latitudes | The regions between the Tropic of Cancer and the Arctic Circle and the Tropic of Capricorn and the Antarctic Circle. |
| Equator | An imaginary line halfway between the North and South poles. |
| Tropic of Cancer | The northern side of the tropics, receives the most light and heat energy from the sun. |
| Tropic of Capricorn | The southern boundary of the tropics.  |
| Arctic Circle | The line of latitude around the Earth near the North Pole. |
| Antarctic Circle | The line of latitude around the Earth near the South Pole. |
| low latitude | The region between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. |

“Understanding the Earth” Vocabulary Chart

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