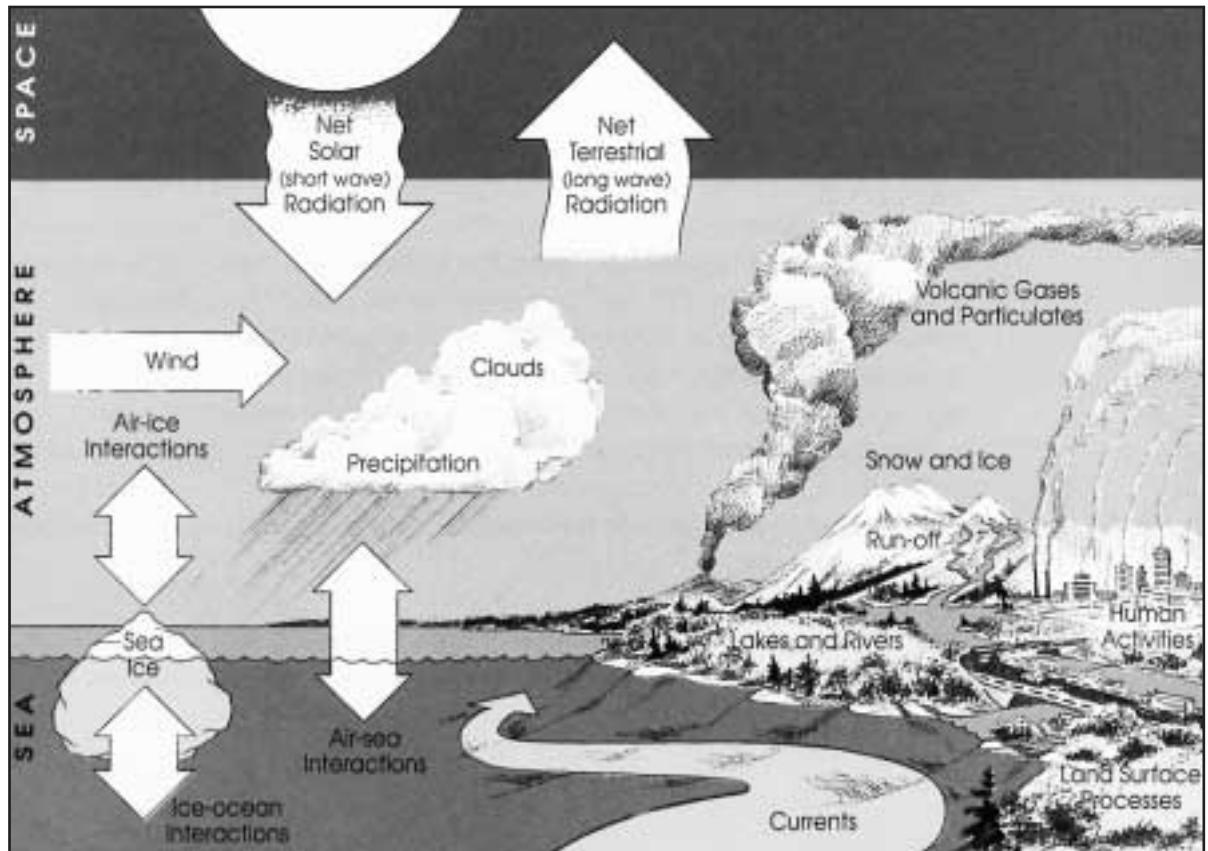


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Global Warming or Climate Change?

The terms global warming and climate change are often used interchangeably. What's the difference? Scientists' initial focus on the changing climate was the persistent temperature rise over several decades: hence "warming" was the feature that received major attention. The more comprehensive term "climate change" is more common now; it includes the global warming trend, but also refers to other climate change linked phenomena such as severe weather, melting polar ice caps and high winds.

A special multimedia resource, *The Impacts of Climate Change*, has been developed to complement the Grade 9 Geography course. For ordering information, see back cover.