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Planet Earth Reinforcement Worksheet

DIRECTIONS: Circle the term in the puzzle that fits each clue. Then Write the term on the line. Terms read across and down.

M	S	P	H	E	R	E	T	R	L	E	S
R	E	V	O	L	U	T	I	O	N	L	D
E	Q	U	A	T	O	R	L	T	L	O	A
S	U	M	M	E	R	Z	T	A	I	S	Y
E	I	A	N	E	R	W	P	T	E	I	Y
A	N	X	L	E	E	L	L	I	P	S	E
S	O	L	S	T	I	C	E	O	M	O	A
A	X	I	S	M	I	W	I	N	T	E	R

- _____ 1. Imaginary line around which earth spins
- _____ 2. Earth's spinning that causes night and day
- _____ 3. When the sun is directly over this, the number of daylight hours equals the number of nighttime hours all over the world.
- _____ 4. Round, three-dimensional object whose surface at all points is the same distance from its center.
- _____ 5. A complete orbit made by Earth around the Sun
- _____ 6. Occurs when the sun is directly over the equator
- _____ 7. Property of earth which causes seasons
- _____ 8. Shape of earth's orbit
- _____ 9. Occurs when the sun reaches its greatest distance north or south of the equator
- _____ 10. Time it takes earth to Rotate on its axis
- _____ 11. Time it takes earth to revolve around the sun
- _____ 12. Solstice that occurs in December in the southern hemisphere
- _____ 13. Solstice that occurs in December in the northern hemisphere

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Planet Earth Study Guide Worksheet

DIRECTIONS: Use the words below to fill in the blanks in the statements

24 hours
365.25 days
Axis
Center

Ellipse
Equinox
Revolution
Rotation

Seasons
Solstice
Sphere
Sphere-shaped

1. A round, three dimensional object is a _____.
2. All points on a sphere's surface are the same distance from the _____ of the sphere.
3. Earth's tilted axis causes _____.
4. Earth's yearly orbit around the sun is its _____.
5. Images from space probes and artificial satellites show that earth is _____.
6. One complete revolution of earth takes about _____.
7. One complete rotation of Earth takes about _____.
8. The day when the Sun is at its highest or lowest point is called the _____.
9. The _____ occurs, twice per year, when the Sun is directly over the equator.
10. The North and South Poles are located at the ends of Earth's _____ the imaginary line around which earth spins.
11. The path of Earth's orbit is in the shape of an elongated closed curve called an _____.
12. The spinning of Earth on its axis that causes day and night is called _____.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions in the space provided.

13. What is inclined at an angle of 6.5° to Earth's rotational axis?
 - a. Magnetic axis
 - b. Prime meridian
 - c. Tilted axis
 - d. Wheel Axis
14. What is the sun directly over at the equinoxes?
 - a. The pole
 - b. The equator
 - c. Tropic of the Caribbean
 - d. The moon
15. Which season begins in the northern hemisphere when the sun reaches its greatest distance south of the equator?
 - a. Spring
 - b. Summer
 - c. Winter
 - d. Fall
16. On September 22-23, the southern hemisphere is beginning which season?
 - a. Spring
 - b. Summer
 - c. Winter
 - d. Fall
17. At the March equinox, what season begins in the northern hemisphere?
 - a. Spring
 - b. Summer
 - c. Winter
 - d. Fall
18. At the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere, at what point is the Sun?
 - a. Northern most point
 - b. Southern most point
 - c. Crossing the equator
 - d. On the other side of the Earth