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**Geography Standard:** Understands how human actions modify the physical environment

**Benchmark:** Knows ways in which people depend on the physical environment

# Air

Air is all around us. We cannot see it. But it takes up space. It takes up space inside of a balloon. When the balloon pops, the air **rushes** out.

When air moves outside, we call it wind. Warm air goes up. Cold air goes down. Wind, warm air, and cold air make our weather change.

We must take care to keep our air clean. We need to breathe air. All plants and animals do. Even fish breathe air. Their gills take air out of the water.



# Air

## Comprehension Questions

Fill in the bubble next to the right answer.

**1. What needs air?**

- Ⓐ just animals
- Ⓑ both plants and animals

**2. What happens last?**

- Ⓐ The balloon hits something sharp.
- Ⓑ The air goes out of the balloon.

**3. When the wind blows,**

- Ⓐ warm and cold air move around outdoors.
- Ⓑ no rain can fall.

**4. *Rushes* means**

- Ⓐ moves slowly.
- Ⓑ moves quickly.

**5. Why do we need clean air?**

- Ⓐ If we breathe dirty air, it may make us sick.
- Ⓑ Clean air costs less than dirty air.

**6. Picture a person smoking in a room. What do you see?**

- Ⓐ The air in the room is clean.
- Ⓑ The air in the room is full of smoke.

**7. Do you like windy days? Why?**

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