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Select the best words from the list below to complete each sentence.

material	ozone	Mercury	fertile	water
Mars	resources	habitable	habitat	atmosphere

- a) Planet Earth's position in the solar system helps to make it unique. If it orbited nearer to the sun like _____, it would be too hot for life and if it orbited further away like _____ it would be too cold.

- b) It has an atmosphere with the right mix of gases-oxygen and carbon dioxide, for example-which plants and animals need to live. The _____ also acts like a protective blanket which keeps the Earth warm and protects it from the dangerous ultraviolet rays from the sun. The part that does this is called the _____ layer.

- c) Earth's surface has _____. It not only helps to keep the planet cool, but is also necessary for life. Earth's oceans, seas, lakes and rivers also provide fish for food.

- d) Earth has _____ soil which can produce food, unlike the other planets which are too hot, too cold, too dusty, too dry, to barren or too gaseous.

- e) Earth has _____ that can be used to create shelter for people.

- f) Earth provides natural _____ for plants and animals.

- g) Earth has a great variety of _____ which her people can use to satisfy their needs and wants.

- h) Earth has a _____ zone. This is a place in the solar system where life can exist.