

Key Concept Builder

LESSON 2

Climate Cycles

Key Concept How has climate varied over time?

Directions: Put a check mark on the line before each item that provides information about climate changes long ago.

- _____ 1. ice cores drilled from ice layers in glaciers and ice sheets
- _____ 2. growth rings of trees
- _____ 3. records of prevailing winds
- _____ 4. ocean depths
- _____ 5. fossilized pollen
- _____ 6. ocean currents

Directions: Answer each question on the lines provided.

7. What are ice ages and interglacials?

8. When did the most recent ice age begin? _____

9. Which type of period is Earth experiencing now? _____

10. How have temperatures varied during the Holocene, the current period?
