

# Vocabulary



**convection current** the circular movement of air or water caused by uneven heating

On a large scale, convection currents, along with Earth's rotation, cause global winds. On a small scale, convection currents cause local winds.

**global winds** steady winds that blow over long distances from a specific direction

Global winds move air masses and bring changes in the weather.

**local winds** winds that blow for a short period of time over short distances

Sea breezes and land breezes are examples of local winds.