Energy in Earth’s Atmosphere

Understanding Main Ideas
Fill in the blanks in the concept map with the correct word or words.

If the statement is true, write true. If it is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

5. Sunburns are caused by infrared radiation.
6. Ultraviolet radiation can be felt as heat.
7. Scattering is a natural process that keeps Earth’s atmosphere warm.
8. Electromagnetic waves are classified according to wavelength.
9. Visible light with the shortest wavelength is red light.

Building Vocabulary
Match each term with its definition by writing the letter of the correct definition on the line beside the term.

10. electromagnetic waves
11. radiation
12. infrared radiation
13. ultraviolet radiation
14. scattering
15. greenhouse effect

a. a form of energy with wavelengths that are longer than those of red light
b. the direct transfer of energy by electromagnetic waves
c. reflection of light in all directions
d. a form of energy that can travel through space
e. the process by which heat is held by gases in the air
f. a form of energy with wavelengths that are shorter than those of violet light