

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| biomes | A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment. |
| climate | The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time. |
| continent | A large landmass made up of many countries . |
| country | An area that is controlled by its own government. |
| equator | An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres. |
| flora/fauna | Plant and animal life. |
| latitude | Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west. |
| longitude | Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole. |
| weather | The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall. |

| The Americas |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America. North America contains 23 different countries. The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude. The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including weather, land use and flora and fauna. |



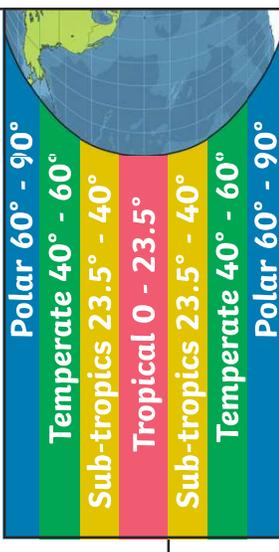
How Can You Compare Different Places?

| Physical Geography | Human Geography |
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| <p>The natural features of a place or environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> oceans and coastlines rivers and lakes mountains and volcanoes flora and fauna land-form | <p>Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> country/region boundaries buildings, roads and land use changes to river courses language/signs religion, government, art and music |

Climate Groups

The Köppen System is a **climate** classification system. It is split into five main groups which each consist of a range of climate types:

- Temperate - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters, Mediterranean e.g. United Kingdom
- Continental - long, cold winters and short, hot summers, inland areas e.g parts of Turkey
- Polar - long periods of extreme cold, tundra, ice cap e.g. Antarctica
- Tropical - hot and humid, wet, rainforest e.g. Brazil
- Dry - arid, desert e.g. Saudi Arabia



The four main **climate** zones, determined by **latitude**.

The New Seven Wonders of the World

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| Christ the Redeemer, Brazil | Machu Picchu, Peru | The Colosseum, Italy | Taj Mahal, India | The Great Wall of China | Petra, Jordan |

Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas

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| Grand Canyon, Arizona | Niagara Falls, Ontario/New York | Angel Falls, Venezuela | Kilauea, Hawaii | Great Blue Hole, Belize | Amazon Rainforest, Brazil |

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