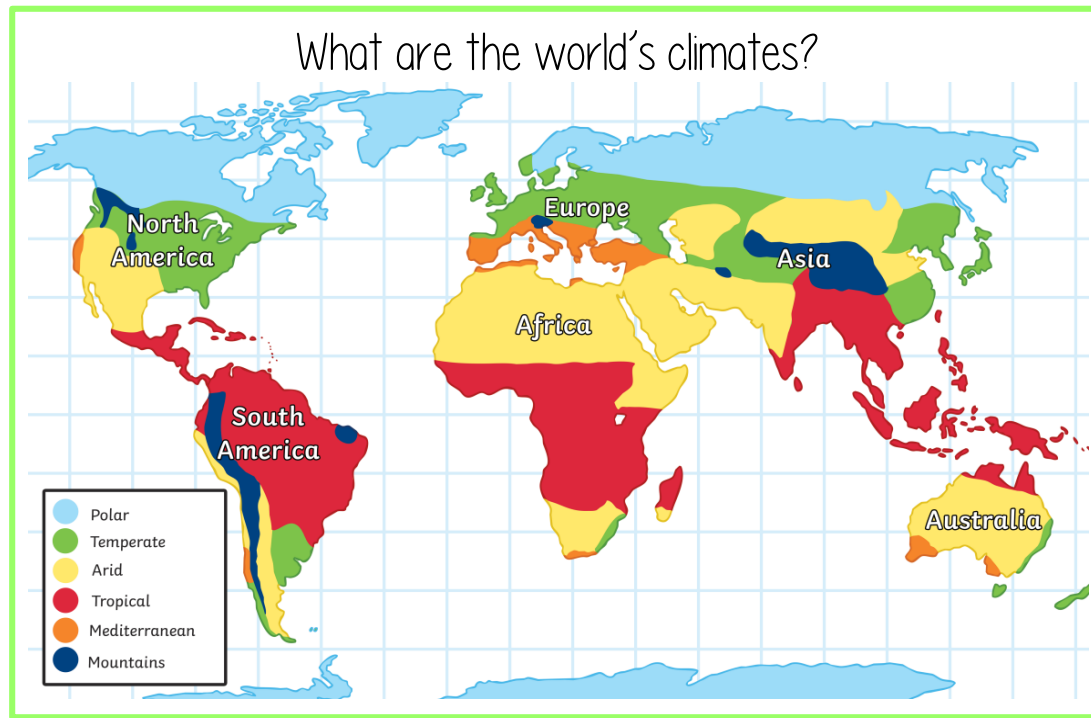


Word	Definition
tropical	very hot and humid
biome	areas of the planet with a similar climate and landscape, where similar animals and plants live
desert	large areas that get very little rain
jungle	a forest thick with trees, other plants, and animals
rainforest	a tall, dense forest that receives lots of rain every year
climate	the weather in a certain place over a period of time
humid	having a high amount of water vapour in the air
temperate	mild temperatures and moderate rainfall
drought	a shortage of rain over a long period of time
polar	cool summers and very cold winters

# Jungles and Deserts

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## Atacama Desert

The **Atacama Desert** is a **desert**. It is on the **Tropic of Capricorn** in Chile, and is one of the driest places on earth. In some places, less than an inch (25mm) of rain falls every ten years. Only one of the rivers from the Andes mountains reaches the ocean through the desert. The rest disappear into the dry soil.



## Amazon Rainforest

The **Amazon Rainforest** is the world's largest **tropical rainforest**. It is located in **South America**. The rainforest covers some 6,000,000 square km. The Amazon Rainforest has the richest and most varied plant and animal life in the world. It contains several million species of plants, insects, birds, other animals, and other living things, many of which are still unrecorded by science.



## What are the world's biomes?

A **biome** is a large region of Earth that has a certain **climate** and certain types of living things. Major biomes include tundra, forests, grasslands and deserts. The plants and animals of each biome have traits that help them to survive in their particular biome. Plants and animals that live within smaller areas of a biome also depend on each other for survival. These smaller areas are called **ecosystems**.

