

Earth's Biomes | Year Five | Summer 2

The Six Major Biomes

1	Tropical Rainforest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very steady temperature between 20°C and 25°C. Rains all year long. The trees are very tall and varied. Most of the plants are evergreen, not deciduous.
2	Temperate Deciduous Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature ranges from -30°C to 30°C. Goes through all four seasons. Range of trees, most lose their leaves in the autumn. Even rainfall throughout most of the year.
3	Coniferous forest (Taiga)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature ranges from -54°C to 30°C. Low average temperature. Most of the trees are evergreen. Largest land biome.
4	Tundra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature ranges from -34°C to 6°C. Coldest of all the biomes. Little rain, lots of frost. No trees grow, and only a few small plants.
5	Grasslands (Savanna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry season and a rainy season. Temperature ranges from -40°C to 40°C+. Mostly grass grows, occasional individual trees.
6	Desert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperatures over 50°C in the day, below freezing at night. Very few clouds and very little rain. Very few plants or animals.



Vocabulary

biome	A large area of land with a particular climate, type of plants and animals.
Ecosystem	A community of living and non-living things that work together.
climate	The general weather conditions and patterns in an area.
deciduous	A tree that sheds its leaves in the autumn.
dormant	When a plant or animal is in a deep, long sleep.
equator	The imaginary line that runs around the middle of the earth
fauna	The animals that normally live in a particular biome.
flora	The plants that normally grow in a particular biome.
latitude	Imaginary lines goes around the earth horizontally.
temperate	Mild weather, further away from the equator.
tropics	Any place on earth near the equator.
Deforestation	Cutting down trees.

