



The Astounding Americas

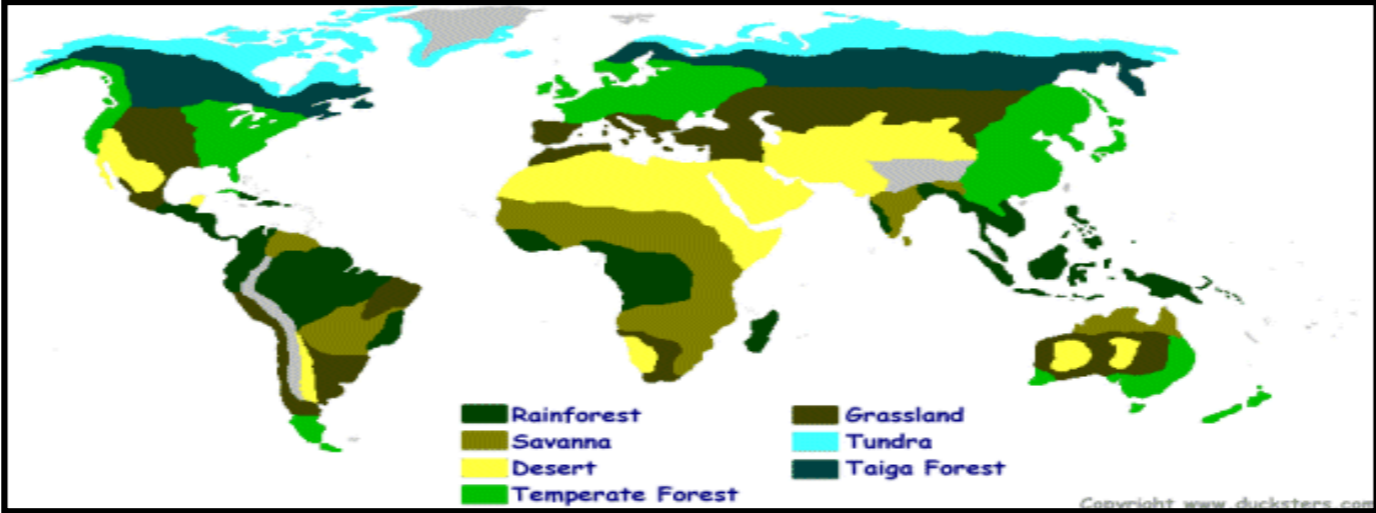
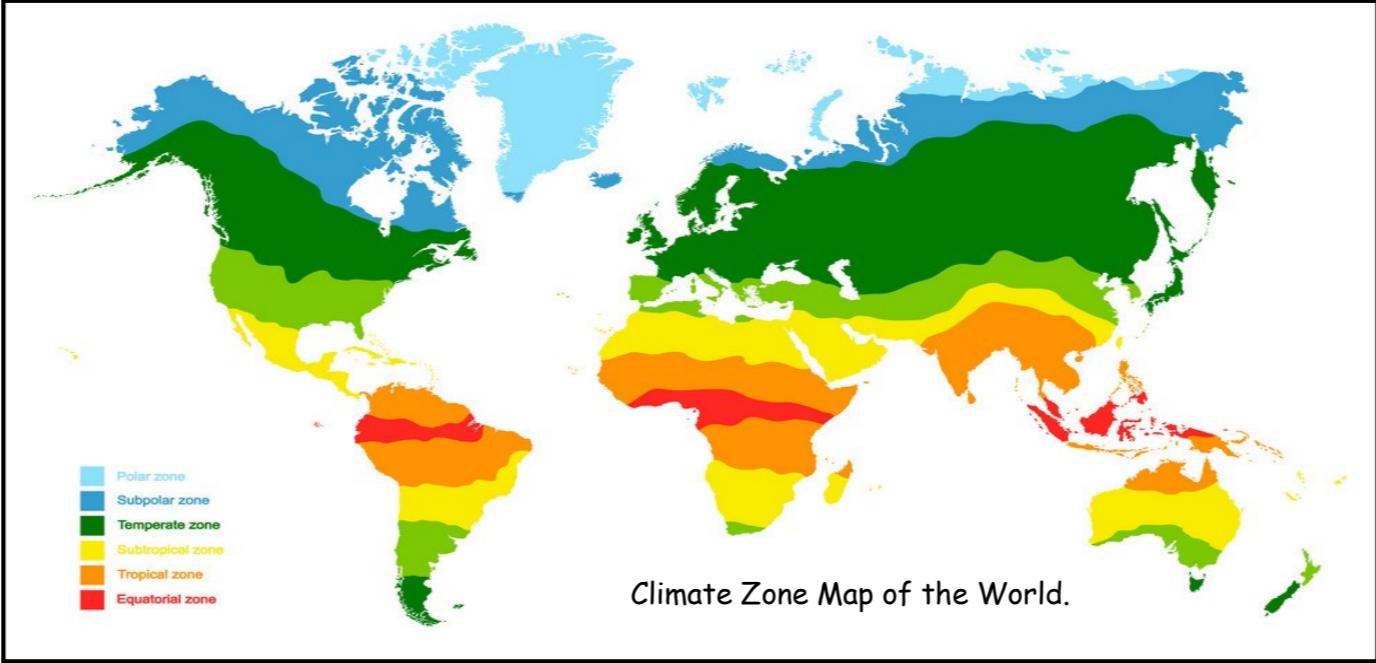


The Americas

- ◊ The Americas are two separate **continents** consisting of North American and South America.
- ◊ North America contains twenty- three **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**.

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How Can you compare different places?	
Physical Geography The natural features of a place or environment.	Human Geography Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceans and coastlines • Rivers and lakes • Mountains and volcanoes • Flora and fauna • Land-form 	<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.



<u>Key Vocabulary</u>	
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.

Climate Zones

Climate Zones are areas with distinct climates, which occur on lines of **latitude**.

A climate zone results from the climate conditions of an area: its **temperature**, **humidity**, **amount and type of precipitation**, and the **season**. A climate zone is reflected in a region's natural vegetation.

Biomes and Ecosystems

An **ecosystem** describes a specific area where organisms work together as a unit. It could be any size from a tiny pool of water to hundreds of square miles of desert.

A **biome** is a way to describe a large group of similar ecosystems. **Biomes** have similar weather, rainfall, animals, and plants. There are a number of **biomes** on planet Earth.

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