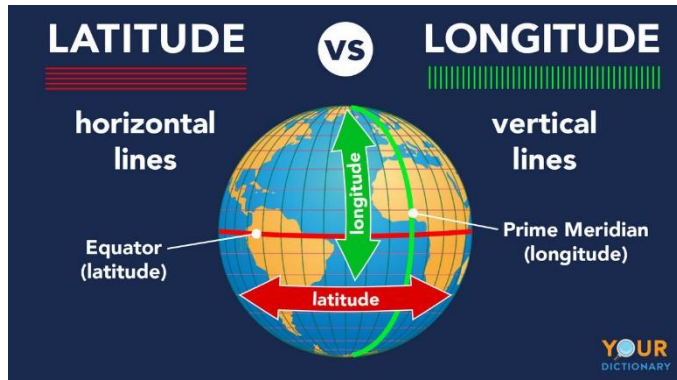


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## Key vocabulary

**Country** - a geographical area that has its own government.

**Continent** - a large landmass usually made up of many countries.

**Latitude** - geographical coordinates that specifies north south position on the earth's surface (divides into climate zones).

0° = the **Equator**

90°N = the North Pole

90°S = the South Pole

**Longitude** - geographical coordinates that specifies east west position on the earth's surface (defines date and time).

0° = Greenwich Meridian (or prime meridian) lies in Greenwich, London.

**Hemisphere** - half of the earth, divided into the northern and southern hemispheres by the Equator, and western and eastern hemispheres by the Greenwich Meridian Line.

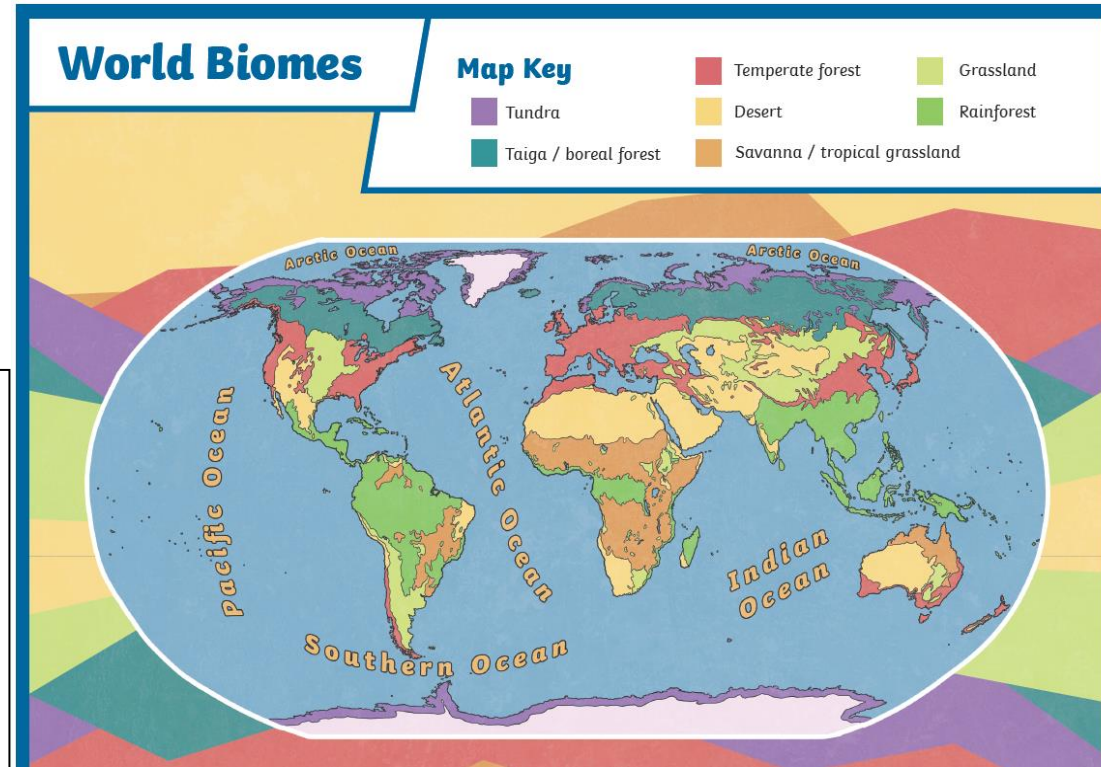
**Weather** - short term changes in the atmosphere.

**Atmosphere** - the layer of gas that surrounds Earth.

**Climate** - describes the average weather over a long period of time in a specific area.

**Climate zone** - areas with distinct climates which occur in an east-west direction around the earth.

**Biome** - a large geographical area that has a certain climate and certain types of living things. Major biomes include forests, deserts and grasslands.



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## North America: Countries and their capital cities

Canada – Ottawa

USA – Washington D.C.

Mexico – Mexico City

Guatemala – Guatemala City

Costa Rica – San Jose

Panama – Panama City

## North America facts

- The USA is the third largest country in the world by both land area and population.
- The USA is a country that comprises of 50 states and other jurisdictions. Most North Americans speak English, Spanish and French.
- North America is the only continent that has every kind of climate: polar, temperate, subtropical and tropical.
- 50% of the world's corn harvest is produced in North America.

## South America facts

- More than 30% of South America is covered by rainforests.
- The Amazon River is 4000 miles long.
- South America contains more than 40% of the world's plants and animals.
- The Amazon Basin is located in the countries of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela.
- The Amazon Basin is an area of 2.1 million square miles and is mostly covered by the Amazon Rainforest.

## South America: Countries and their capital cities

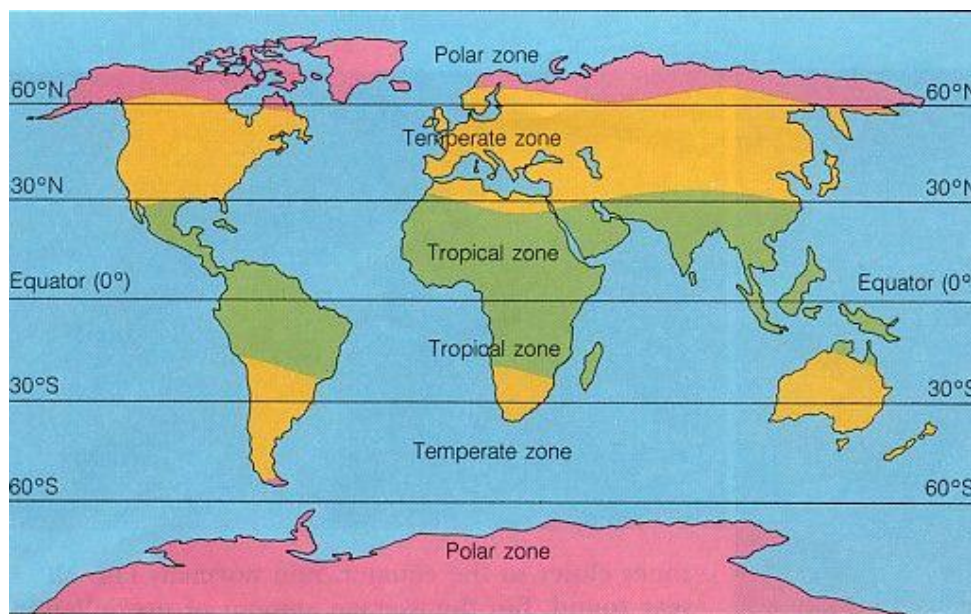
Brazil – Brasilia

Peru – Lima

Ecuador – Quito

Chile – Santiago

Argentina – Buenos Aires

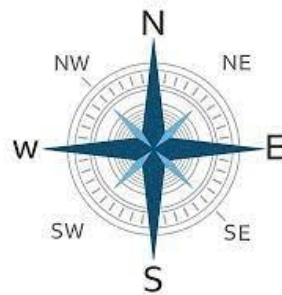


## Mountain Ranges

- Rocky Mountains
- Brooks Range
- Appalachian Mountains
- Coast Mountains

## Rivers

- Mississippi River
- Yukon River
- Rio Grande
- Ottawa River



## Mountain Ranges

- Aconcagua
- Cordillera Blanca
- Serra do Mar

## Additional Physical Features:

- Amazon rainforest
- Cape Horn
- Galapagos Islands

## Rivers

- Amazon
- Paraguay
- Mamoré River
- São Francisco River