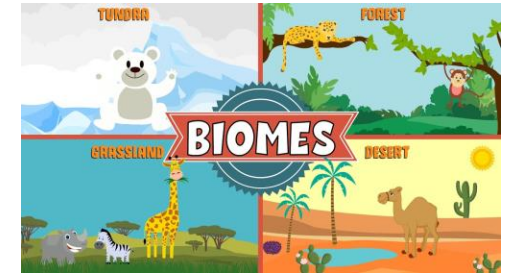
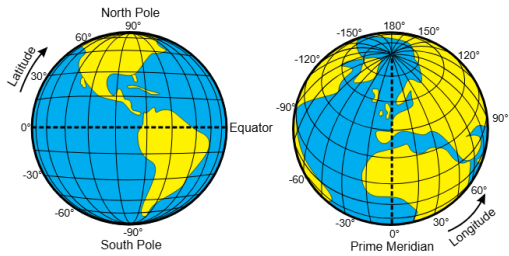


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Key Vocabulary

Longitude	A measurement that indicates a location's east to west position on Earth.
Latitude	A measurement that indicates a location's north to south position on Earth.
Biome	A biome is a large geographical region on Earth defined by its distinct climate.
Stakeholder	A person with an interest or concern in a business.
Temperate	A climate which has four distinct seasons.
Biodiversity	A variety of all living things on Earth including plants and animals.



The major biomes in the Americas offer many exciting examples of wildlife and geography. Biomes are large areas defined by similar climate, plants, and animals.

- Tundra
- Temperate
- Desert
- Tropical

Tundra: A cold, treeless biome with a layer of permanently frozen ground called permafrost.

Where to find it: The Arctic region of North America, including much of Alaska and Canada.

Temperate Grassland (Prairie): These are vast, open areas with moderate rainfall and few trees, known for their fertile soil.

Where to find it: The Great Plains of North America, from Texas up into Canada. Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil.

Tropical Rainforest: Hot and humid biomes with a high level of rainfall and an incredible variety of plants and animals.

Where to find it: Southern Mexico and parts of Central America and the Caribbean. Spreads across several countries, with a large part in Brazil.

Desert: Dry biomes with very little rain, which can be either hot or cold depending on the region.

Where to find it: Southwestern United States and northern Mexico, including the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts. A plateau in Chile.

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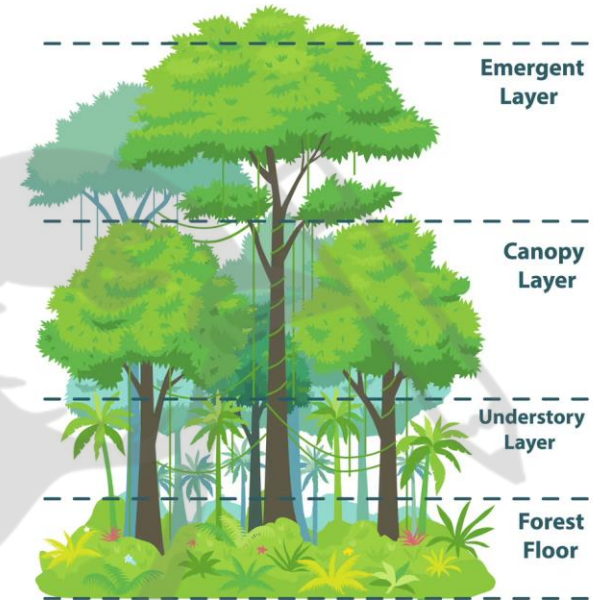
Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest and is known as the "lungs of the planet" because of the huge amount of oxygen its trees produce. It is a hot, humid place full of amazing animals and plants.

The Amazon is located in South America and covers an area so large that the entire United States could fit inside it. It stretches across nine different countries: Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana. Most of the rainforest (about 60%) is in Brazil.

Sadly, the Amazon is in danger because of deforestation, which is when people cut down the trees to create farms for things like cattle. This deforestation is bad for the planet and the climate. It also destroys the homes of the amazing animals and plants that live there.

RAINFOREST LAYERS



North America

Physical Features:

- Mountain Ranges
- Lowlands and Plains
- Rivers and Lakes
- Climate and Biomass

Human Features:

- Major Cities
- Landmarks
- Panama Canal
- Ancient Civilisations

South America

Physical Features:

- Mountain Ranges
- Amazon Rainforest
- Rivers
- Biomes

Human Features:

- Major Cities
- Indigenous Communities
- Terracing
- Languages

