

## CLIMATE ZONES

<b>Category</b>	<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Vegetation</b>	<b>Example</b>
Tropical	Warm temperatures; heavy rainfall	Dense rainforest	Amazon Basin (South America) and Congo Basin (Africa)
Desert	Temperatures can be warm or mild; rainfall is low and unreliable	Grasses, shrubs	Western Great Plains (USA), Sahara (Africa)
Humid Temperate	Cool or hot & wet summers, mild winters	Deciduous or evergreen forest	Northwestern USA, Southeastern China, Western Russia
Cold Temperate	Short mild to cool summers; long cold winters; light precipitation	Coniferous forests, low-lying grasses, mosses, shrubs	Alaska, parts of Canada, Greenland
High Mountain	Varies depending on local conditions	Changes with altitude	Northern Rocky Mountains, the Himalayas (Asia)
Polar	Extremely cold winters and summers	Little to no vegetation	Northern Canada and Antarctica