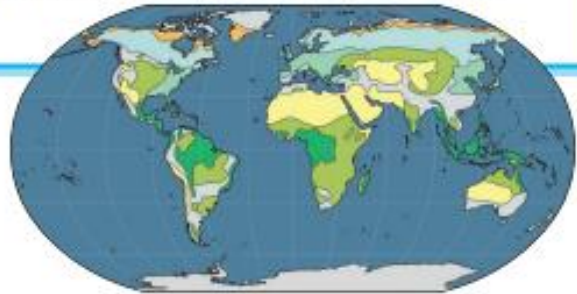


Geography Knowledge Organiser: Biomes

What Are Biomes?

Biomes are naturally occurring areas on Earth which share similar landscapes and climates and are home to similar animals and plants. Other factors such as temperature, geology and soil are also considered when defining a biome. The whole world is split into different biomes.



Different Types of Biome

There is some disagreement on exactly how many types of biomes there are but most people think there are six.

These are:

- Aquatic
- Desert
- Forest
- Grassland
- Rainforest
- Tundra

Aquatic

The aquatic biome is the largest type - it covers over 70% of Earth! This biome can be further divided into two main types: freshwater and saltwater.



Desert

Desert biomes cover around one-third of the Earth and are the driest type of biome. They can be hot or cold, depending on where on the planet they are. Plants and animals have adapted to live in these harsh conditions. Plants found in desert biomes include cacti and creosote bushes while animals that survive here include snakes and lizards.



Forest

Forest biomes cover approximately 30% of the planet and are home to a wide range of trees and plants. There are three main forest biomes: temperate, tropical and taiga. Animals such as moose, deer, bears and squirrels can all be found in forest biomes.

