

Key Vocabulary	
<b>biomes</b>	A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
<b>capital city</b>	An important city, often where the government works.
<b>climate</b>	The usual or average <b>weather</b> conditions over a long period of time.
<b>continent</b>	A large area of land divided into <b>countries</b> .
<b>country</b>	An area defined by its people, culture, language, geography and government.
<b>human geography</b>	Anything in an area of land that is not naturally occurring and that has been shaped by people.
<b>landscapes</b>	An area of land and anything you can see on it.
<b>physical geography</b>	Anything in an area that is naturally occurring.
<b>population</b>	The number of people living in an area.
<b>precipitation</b>	Water particles that fall from a cloud as rain, hail, sleet or snow.
<b>weather</b>	The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.

Europe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 51 <b>countries</b> in Europe and 742 million people living there which is 10% of the world's <b>population</b>.</li> <li>The <b>continent</b> is in the northern hemisphere with the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the Mediterranean Sea to the south.</li> <li>The highest mountain is Mount Elbrus in Russia (5642 m)</li> <li>The longest river is the Volga river in Russia (3693km)</li> <li>There are many different <b>landscapes</b>, <b>climates</b>, <b>physical</b> and <b>human</b> characteristics all within this area.</li> </ul>



Physical Geography	Human Geography
Oceans, lakes, mountains, rivers, <b>weather</b> and <b>climate</b> patterns.	<b>Country</b> / region boundaries, buildings, roads, language, religion, government.
	

Europe					
	Germany	France	Russia	Greece	UK
Capital City	Berlin	Paris	Moscow	Athens	London
Population	83 million	65 million	143 million	10 million	67 million
Area	357,587 km <sup>2</sup>	543,941 km <sup>2</sup>	17,075,400 km <sup>2</sup>	132,049 km <sup>2</sup>	242,500 km <sup>2</sup>
Language Spoken	German	French	Russian	Greek	English
Average Warmest Month	July 24°C	July 24°C	July 23°C	July 32°C	July 20°C
Average Coldest Month	January 2°C	January 6°C	January -6°C	January 12°C	January 6°C
Average Annual Precipitation	571mm	637mm	548mm	365mm	900mm

			
Eiffel Tower, France	Acropolis, Greece	Colosseum, Italy	Red Square, Russia
			
Mont Blanc	Mount Elbrus	Mount Rosa	Zugspitze

## Biomes

### What are biomes?

The simplest way to describe **biomes** is: 'Biomes are areas of the world that share a similar **climate** but because of that **climate** they are the natural home of similar plants and animals.'

### Which biomes are found in Europe?

The biomes found in Europe are: deciduous forest, boreal forest, tundra, chaparral and grassland. The **biomes** not found in Europe are: desert, tropical rainforest and savannah.

The main reasons for those **biomes** being the ones found in Europe are that all of Europe is quite far from the equator and the tropics (where it is hottest) and that a lot of Europe is close to the Arctic circle (where is it coldest).

