



Key Vocabulary	
biomes	A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
continent	A large landmass made up of many countries .
country	An area that is controlled by its own government.
equator	An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
Flora/ fauna	Plant and animal life.
longitute	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from pole to pole.
weather	The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.

The Americas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North and South America. North America contains 23 different countries. The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude. The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including weather, land use and flora and fauna.

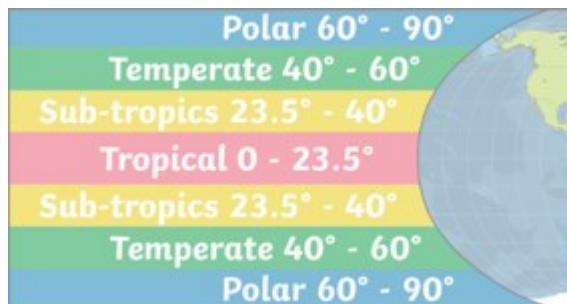










How Can You Compare Different Places?	
Physical Geography	Human Geography
The natural features of a place or environment.	Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oceans and coastlines rivers and lakes mountains and volcanoes flora and fauna land—form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> country / region boundaries buildings, roads and land use. changes to river courses language/ signs religion, government , art and music















The Köppen System

The Köppen System is a climate classification system. It is split into five main groups which each consist of a range of climate types:

- Temperate - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters, Mediterranean e.g. United Kingdom
- Continental - long, cold winters and short, hot summers, inland areas e.g. parts of Turkey
- Polar - long periods of extreme cold, tundra, ice cap e.g. Antarctica
- Tropical - hot and humid, wet, rainforest e.g. Brazil
- Dry - arid, desert e.g. Saudi Arabia



Countries in North and South America			
United States of America Capital - Washington D.C		Brazil Capital - Brasilia	
Canada Capital - Ottawa		Argentina Capital - Buenos Aires	
Mexico Capital - Mexico City		Peru Capital - Lima	
Jamaica Capital - Kingston		Chile Capital - Santiago	

The New Seven Wonders of the World						
						
Christ the Redeemer, Brazil	Machu Picchu, Peru	Chichen Itza, Mexico	The Colosseum, Italy	Taj Mahal, India	The Great Wall of China	Petra, Jordan
Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas						
						
Grand Canyon, Arizona	Niagara Falls, Ontario/New York	Angel Falls, Venezuela	Yosemite Valley, California	Kilauea, Hawaii	Great Blue Hole, Belize	Amazon Rainforest, Brazil

The four main climate zones, determined by latitude.

