

CLIMATE ZONES

A country's **climate** is what its weather is like over a long period of time. Countries in different parts of the world have different climates. There are 12 different types of climate worldwide and three main climate zones: **polar**, **temperate** and **tropical**.

The **polar** climate is very cold. Winters are long and summers are short and don't get very warm. Temperatures are between -89°C and 17°C. There is lots of ice and snow in this type of climate. Countries such as Greenland, Finland and Iceland have a polar climate. Polar bears and Arctic foxes live in these regions.

The **temperate** climate has four seasons – spring, summer, autumn and winter. Temperatures are between -30°C and 30°C. The USA, the UK and France have temperate climates. You can find brown bears and deer in this type of climate.

The **tropical** climate has got a wet season or a wet season (summer) and a dry season (winter). Temperatures are between 20°C and 34°C. Brazil, Indonesia and the Philippines have tropical climates. The tall trees here are home to a huge number of animals like parrots and monkeys.

Listening & Reading

1 How many main climate zones are there? How many seasons has each got? 🎧 Listen and read to find out.

3 ICT Collect information about the climate in your country and another country. Write a short text comparing and contrasting the climates of the two countries.

Speaking & Writing

2 Read again. Then, copy and complete the table in your notebook. Use your notes to compare the different types of climates. Tell the class.

Climate	Polar	Temperate	Tropical
Weather/Seasons			
Temperatures			
Countries			
Animals			