

Vocabulary Cards

<p>weather</p>	<p>n. the conditions in the air above the Earth such as wind, rain and temperature, especially at a particular time and in a particular place</p> <p>"The weather in Scotland is very changeable; you need to be ready for all sorts of weather"</p>
<p>climate</p>	<p>n. the general weather conditions found in a particular place</p> <p>"The Mediterranean has a warm temperate climate good for growing citrus fruit and grapes for wine."</p>
<p>climatic zone</p>	<p>adj. used to describe an area that shares the same climatic characteristics.</p>

<p>tropical</p>	<p>adj. describes the climate and region found between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.</p> <p>"The Amazon river basin contains the world's largest tropical rainforest."</p>
<p>desert</p>	<p>n. an area often covered in sand or rock, where there is very little rain and very few plants.</p> <p>"We crossed an arid, featureless desert."</p>
<p>warm temperate</p>	<p>adj. describes a climate or region where the summers are warm and the winter is mild.</p> <p>"Southern Europe, California and Florida are warm temperate zones."</p>

<p>cool temperate</p>	<p>adj. describes a climate or region where the summers are warm and the winter is cold. Northern Europe and Canada are in cool temperate zones.</p>
<p>polar</p>	<p>adj. the polar climate is dominated by low temperatures, frequent strong winds and year round snow and ice. In all months, temperatures are near or below freezing point.</p> <p>"The Arctic and Antarctic are in polar regions."</p>
<p>temperature</p>	<p>n. the measure of the amount of heat in a place or around the body.</p> <p>"The summer in Spain is characterised by high temperatures and little rainfall."</p>

<p>rainfall</p>	<p>n. the amount of rain that falls.</p> <p>"The rainfall chart helps us to determine the climate of an area."</p>
<p>continent</p>	<p>n. one of seven large land masses that make up the Earth's crust, usually surrounded by sea.</p> <p>"Spain is part of the European Continent."</p>
<p>climate graph</p>	<p>n. a climate graph shows the average rainfall and temperature for a region over a year.</p>

