

Glossary

climate n. the general weather conditions found in a particular place.

climatic zone adj. used to describe an area that shares the same climatic characteristics.

climate graph n. a climate graph shows the average rainfall and temperature for a region over a year.

cool temperate adj. describing a climate or region where the summers are warm and the winters are cold.

continent n. one of seven large land masses that make up the Earth's crust and is usually surrounded by sea.

desert n. an area often covered in sand or rock, where there is very little rainfall and where very few plants grow.

polar 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 zero.

rainfall n. the amount of rain that falls in a particular area.

temperature n. the measure of the amount of heat in a place or around the body.

tropical adj. describing the climate and region found between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

warm temperate adj. describing a climate or region where the summers are warm and the winter is mild.

weather n. the conditions in the air above the Earth such as wind, rain and temperature, especially at a particular place.