

GEOGRAPHY · GRADES 5–6

Biomes of the World

Where life lives

Six major biomes

Biome	Climate	Plants	Animals
Tropical rainforest	Warm & wet year-round	Vines, ferns, hardwood trees	Toucans, monkeys, sloths
Temperate forest	Four distinct seasons	Oak, maple, birch	Deer, foxes, owls
Grassland (savanna)	Hot & dry, some rain	Grasses, scattered trees	Lions, elephants, gazelles
Desert	Very hot or very cold, dry	Cacti, succulents	Camels, lizards, scorpions
Tundra	Frozen, treeless	Mosses, lichens, dwarf shrubs	Polar bears, caribou, arctic fox
Aquatic	Salt or fresh water	Algae, kelp, water plants	Fish, whales, coral, frogs

Apply

1. Which biome are you most likely living in or near?
2. Why don't trees grow in the tundra?
3. Find an animal with adaptations that suit it to its biome (give one example).
4. Why are scientists worried about losing rainforest biomes?

