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World Climate Zones

Five main types

The five climate zones

Zone	Temperature	Rainfall	Where
Tropical	Hot all year (25–30°C)	Heavy rain, often daily	Amazon, Congo, Indonesia
Arid (desert)	Very hot days, cold nights	Very little rain	Sahara, Arabian, Atacama
Temperate	Warm summers, cool winters	Rain spread through year	UK, France, eastern USA
Polar	Below freezing most of year	Low — most as snow	Arctic, Antarctic, Greenland
Mediterranean	Hot, dry summers; mild, wet winters	Mostly in winter	Spain, Italy, California

