

GEOGRAPHY · GRADES 3–4

Three Climate Zones

Tropical · Temperate · Polar

Three zones

Zone	Where	Climate	Plants & animals
Tropical	Near the equator (between Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn)	Hot all year, lots of rain	Rainforests, monkeys, tigers, parrots
Temperate	Between the tropics and the polar zones	Four seasons, mild	Forests, deer, foxes, songbirds
Polar	Near the North and South Poles	Cold all year, often frozen	Tundra, polar bears, penguins, reindeer

Apply

1. Which zone do you live in?
2. Why do tropical regions have so many species?
3. Why are polar regions cold? (Hint: angle of sunlight)
4. Which zone has the most distinct seasons?

