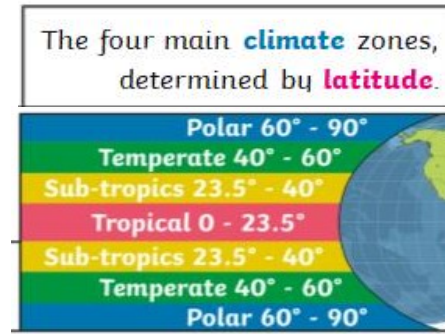


Key Vocabulary

biomes	large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
continent	A large landmass made up of many countries .
country	An area that is controlled by its own government.
equator	An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
flora/fauna	Plant and animal life.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
longitude	Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.
weather	The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.



Facts for Life	
1) The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.	
2) The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude.	
There are 23 countries in North America, including Canada, Mexico and the United States of America (USA). There are 50 states in the USA.	
There are 12 countries in South America, including Argentina, Brazil and Peru.	
3) There are four main climate zones, determined by latitude: polar, temperate, sub-tropical and tropical.	

How Can You Compare Different Places?	
Physical Geography	Human Geography
The natural features of a place or environment.	Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.
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