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Polar



Polar habitats are located at the very north and south of the globe, the pole ends. The northern polar region is called the Arctic, and the southern polar region is the continent of Antarctica.

The polar regions actually have just two seasons, summer and winter (but even summer is cold).

It can reach 60°C at winter.

Animals found in polar climates are: Polar bears, whales, arctic foxes, arctic wolves, pacific salmon, brown bears, etc.

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Arid



Arid areas are hot and dry. Arid zones include places where the world's highest temperature was recorded, such as Death Valley in the USA.

Polar regions can also be dry, but instead of having a hot climate, it's just colder.

Temperatures can reach as high as 130 degrees or as low as -30 degrees.

Animals found in arid climates are: Fennec foxes, dung beetles, Bactrian camels, Mexican coyotes, sidewinder snakes and thorny devil lizards.

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Mediterranean



Mediterranean climates have hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. It's mostly on the western side of continents.

It's located between about 30° and 45° latitude north and south of the Equator.

The usual temperature would be 22.0°C in its warmest months.

Animals found in Mediterranean climates are:
Goats, sheep, rabbits, jackals, and lynx.

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Tropical



Did you know? The tropical climate zone is also known as 'equatorial', because places found or close to the Equator are typically tropical: they're warm and wet.

The tropical zone includes the Amazon Basin of Brazil, West Africa's Congo Basin and the rainforests of Malaysia and Indonesia.

The monthly average temperature is 18°C.

The animals found in tropical climates are:
Sloths, pangolins, forest deer, jaguars, lemurs, ocelots, etc.

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Temperate



Temperate climates are generally defined as environments with moderate rainfall spread across the year or portion of the year with sporadic drought, mild to warm summers and cool to cold winters.

The main temperature is above -3 °C (26.6 °F) but below 18 °C (64.4 °F) in the coldest month.

Animals found in temperate climates are:
Badgers, swift foxes, squirrels, Asian black bears, etc.

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Mountains



The most known mountains are the Mount Everest, Mount Fuji, Mount Kilimanjaro, etc. Mountains could be seen everywhere, but most mountains would be found in Russia and South America.

The higher you get on a mountain, the colder it would get. Normally it would get -28°C.

Animals found in mountains are:
Big horn sheep, mountain goats, brown bear, black bear, grizzly bear, mountain lions and antelope.

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