

Countries of the World

What will we be learning?

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- Seven Continents and five oceans.

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- Key countries of the world.

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- How to identify lines of latitude and longitude.

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- The location and comparison of climate zones.

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- Physical Geography – rivers, mountains, volcanoes.

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- Human Geography – settlements, land use, economic activity.

Key facts

The world's climate zones:

Arid (hot and dry), **Mediterranean** (dry summers and mild, wet winters), **Temperate** (no extreme weather, with rainfall throughout the year), **Tropical** (high temperatures all year round, with lots of rain), **Polar** (a dry climate with very low temperatures).

Vocabulary

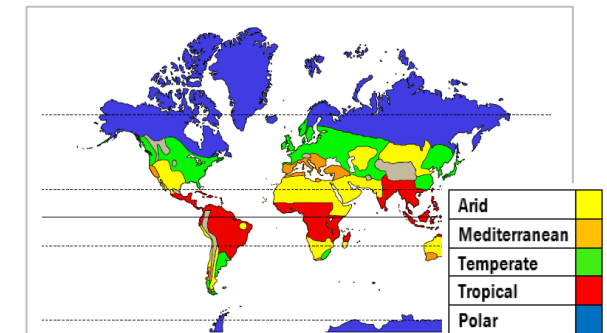
latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, Prime/Greenwich Meridian, time zones, climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts,

Mapping

- Use a wide range of maps, atlases, globes and digital maps to locate countries and features studied.
- Relate different maps to each other and to aerial photos.
- Choose the most appropriate map/globe for a specific purpose.
- Understand that purpose, scale, symbols and style are related.
- Use latitude and longitude in an atlas or on a globe.
- Use the scale bar on maps.

Global Learning

Global economic activity including trade links.
The distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.



Glossary

climate: *long-term weather patterns*

climate zone: *a part of the world where places have a similar climate (i.e. arid, Mediterranean, temperate, tropical, polar)*

precipitation: *rain, hail, fog, sleet and snow*

weather: *day-to-day temperature, wind, rainfall, etc*