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| Key Vocabulary |
| Tropical grassland or savannah Within the tropics. Hot with a wet and dry season. Mainly grass and a few specially adapted trees. | Tropical rainforest Hot and wet all year. Rich in plants and animals. Poor soils. |
| Desert Can be hot or cold. Limited plants. | Tundra Below freezing for most of the year. Ground permanently frozen. |
| Deciduous forest Cool summers and mild winters. Rain throughout the year. Rich deciduous woodland. | Coniferous forest (Taiga)Long, cold winters. Short, mild summer. Limited rainfall. |
| Temperate grassland Warm summer and very cold winter. Quite low rainfall. Mainly grassland vegetation. | C:\Users\S.Williamson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\438E37F0.tmp |

 Biomes Knowledge Organiser

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| Key Vocabulary |
| biome  | large ecosystem which relies on climate  |
| equator  | imaginary line halfway around the earth which is between the North and South Poles.  |
| latitude  | lines which go around the earth east to west  |
| longitude  | lines which go around the earth north to south  |
| hemisphere  | half of the earth (northern or southern)  |
| climate  | average weather conditions over longer periods  |
| precipitation  | any form of moisture which falls to the earth  |
| ecosystem  |  group of living organisms interacting with their physical environment  |
| biodiversity  | variety of living things e.g. species, habitats  |
| flora  | another word to refer to plants  |
| fauna  | another word to refer to animals  |
| savannah  | type of biome. Sometimes called tropical grass  |
| tundra  | type of biome. The coldest biome.  |
| coniferous forest  | forests made mostly of conifer trees such as cedar, fir and pine trees.  |
| deciduous forest  | forests made mostly of broad-leafed trees that shed their leaves during a season (usually winter)  |

