Biomes of the World

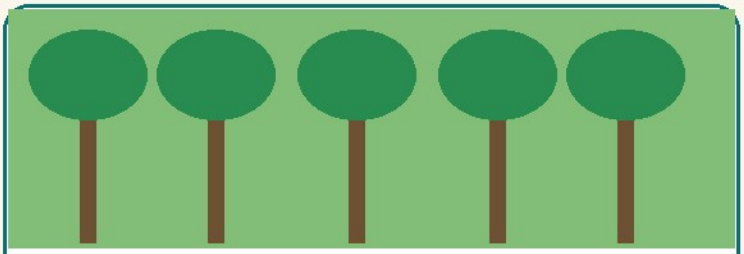
Six big habitats and who lives there



Desert

Very dry: usually less than about 250 mm (10 in) of rain a year. Plants such as cactus store water.

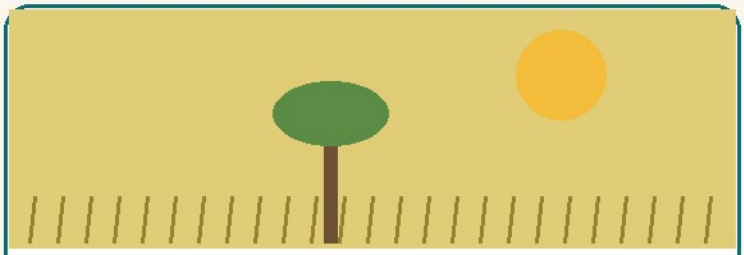
Animals: camel, fennec fox



Tropical rainforest

Warm and wet all year, with tall trees in layers and more kinds of life than anywhere else on land.

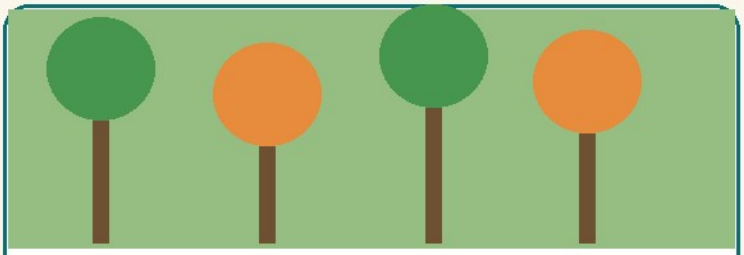
Animals: toucan, tree frog



Savanna

Grassland with a few trees, a wet season and a dry season.

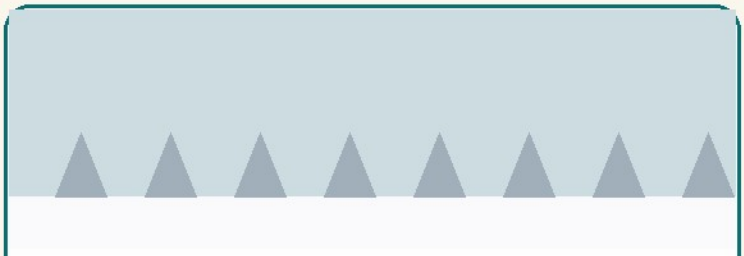
Animals: zebra, elephant



Temperate forest

Four seasons. Many trees lose their leaves in autumn.

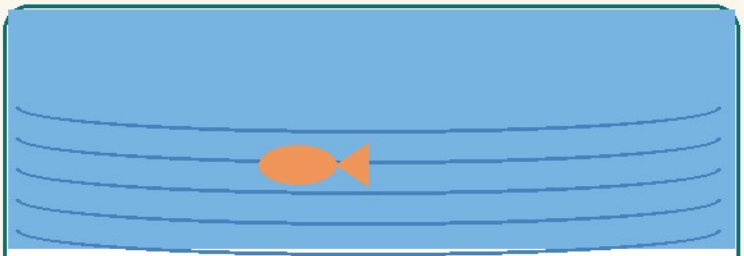
Animals: deer, squirrel



Tundra

Very cold and treeless, with frozen ground (permafrost) and a short summer.

Animals: arctic fox, musk ox



Ocean and coral reef

Salt water covers about 71% of the Earth. Warm shallow seas hold coral reefs.

Animals: fish, sea turtle

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