

Biomes

The Earth is divided into six major kinds of large ecosystems, or biomes. The major difference between each biome is climate. The biomes are taiga, tundra, deciduous forest, tropical rainforest, desert, and grassland.



Key vocabulary

biome

One of six major types of ecosystems.

climate

The usual weather in a place, such as a warm climate.

ecosystem

A community of animals and plants interacting with their environment.

habitat

The place or natural conditions in which a plant or animal lives.

niche

A habitat that is suitable for a particular plant or animal to live. Or, the part that a plant or animal plays in an ecosystem.

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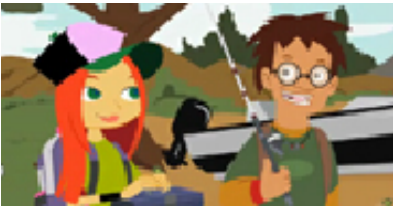
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