



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

The Americas

- The Americas are two separate **continents** consisting of North America and South America.
- North America contains 23 different countries.
- The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of **latitude** and **longitude**.
- The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including **weather**, land use and **flora** and **fauna**.



Key Vocabulary

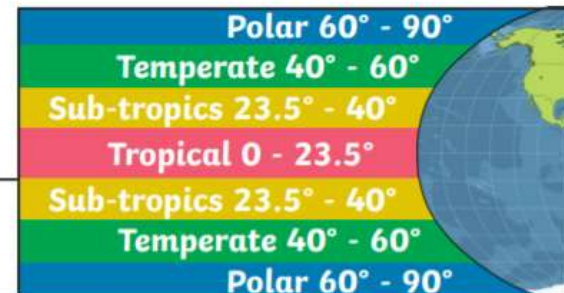
biomes	A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
continent	A large landmass made up of many countries .
country	An area that is controlled by its own government.
equator	An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
flora/fauna	Plant and animal life.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
longitude	Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.

Climate Groups

The Köppen System is a **climate** classification system. It is split into five main groups which each consist of a range of **climate** types:

- Temperate - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters, Mediterranean e.g. United Kingdom
- Continental - long, cold winters and short, hot summers, inland areas e.g. parts of Turkey
- Polar - long periods of extreme cold, tundra, ice cap e.g. Antarctica
- Tropical - hot and humid, wet, rainforest e.g. Brazil
- Dry - arid, desert e.g. Saudi Arabia








The four main **climate** zones, determined by **latitude**.



The New Seven Wonders of the World

						
Christ the Redeemer, Brazil	Machu Picchu, Peru	Chichen Itza, Mexico	The Colosseum, Italy	Taj Mahal, India	The Great Wall of China	Petra, Jordan

Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas

						
Grand Canyon, Arizona	Niagara Falls, Ontario/New York	Angel Falls, Venezuela	Yosemite Valley, California	Kilauea, Hawaii	Great Blue Hole, Belize	Amazon Rainforest, Brazil

How Can You Compare Different Places?

Physical Geography	Human Geography
The natural features of a place or environment.	Features of an environment that have been shaped by people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oceans and coastlines rivers and lakes mountains and volcanoes flora and fauna land-form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> country/region boundaries buildings, roads and land use changes to river courses language/signs religion, government, art and music

LONGEST RIVERS

	Mississippi (U.S.A.) - 3778km
	Missouri (U.S.A.) - 3767km
	Yukon (Canada) 3190km

TALLEST MOUNTAINS

		
Denali (Alaska) 6190m	Mount Logan (Canada) 5959m	Pico de Orizaba (Mexico) 5636m

LARGEST POPULATIONS

U.S.A.
(322 million people)



Mexico
(127 million people)



Canada
(36 million people)

