

## Biomes – Chapter 6 Lesson 5

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2. taiga – a cool, forest biome of conifers in the upper Northern Hemisphere
3. tundra – a cool, treeless biome of the far north, marked by spongy topsoil
4. desert – a sandy or rocky biome, with little precipitation and little plant life that grow deep roots to find scarce water; soil is rich in minerals
5. deciduous forest – a forest biome with many kinds of trees that lose their leaves each autumn
6. tropical rain forest – a hot, humid biome near the equator, with much rainfall and a wide variety of life, a canopy causes few plants on its floor because of little sunlight
7. freshwater ecosystems – most lakes, streams, rivers, and ponds with animals like frogs and turtles live
8. saltwater ecosystems – have tides, an upper region with many fish and whales, and a dark bottom; has boiling vents on the dark floor
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