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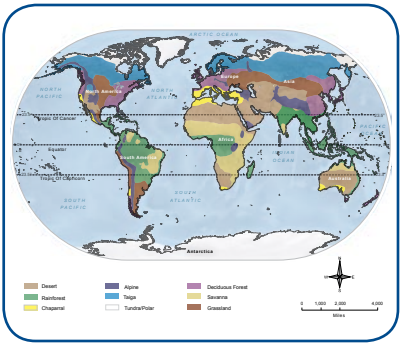
B

biome

Large regions of Earth's surface that share similar characteristics of climate and vegetation.



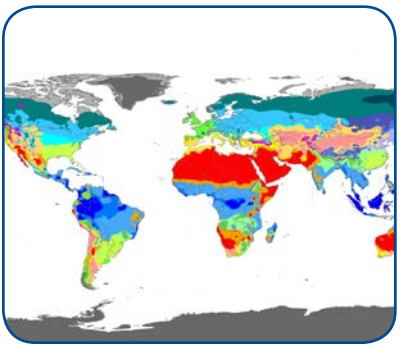
C

characteristic

A quality that makes an individual or group different from others.

climate

The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.



competition

The struggle between two or more organisms for food, water, or other resources; or the act of competing as rivals.

consumer

An organism that gets energy and matter by eating other organisms; to use goods produced by natural or human social systems; or, one who uses energy resources.

decomposers

Bacteria and fungi that get energy from the matter in dead organisms and waste.

D

E

elevation

Height above sea level.

F

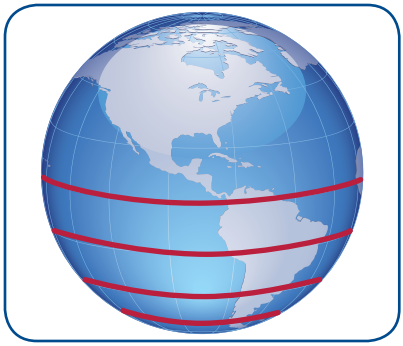
feral

An animal that was once tame but is now wild.

I

indigenous

Originating in, or belonging to, a certain region or place.



L

latitude

A measure of the distance north or south from the Equator.

O

omnivore

An organism that gets energy and matter by eating both plants and animals.

P

precipitation

Water that falls from clouds to Earth as rain, mist, hail, sleet, ice, or snow.

producer

An organism (plant or alga) that converts light energy to chemical energy stored in carbohydrates.

V

vegetation

The plant life in an area or region.

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