



Geography

The Amazing Americas



Location, Location

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Aim

- I can use geographical terminology to describe the location of a range of places across the Americas.

Success Criteria

- I can explain the meaning of key vocabulary relating to geographical location.
- I can explain how latitude affects the physical features of a geographical region.
- I can use maps and atlases to locate countries and regions of the Americas.
- I can tell you the geographical location and key characteristics of different places across the Americas.

What Do You Think It Looks Like?



How are the places similar?

How are they different?

Divide your paper into two.

On one half, draw or write about a place in North America.

On the other half, draw or write about a place in South America.

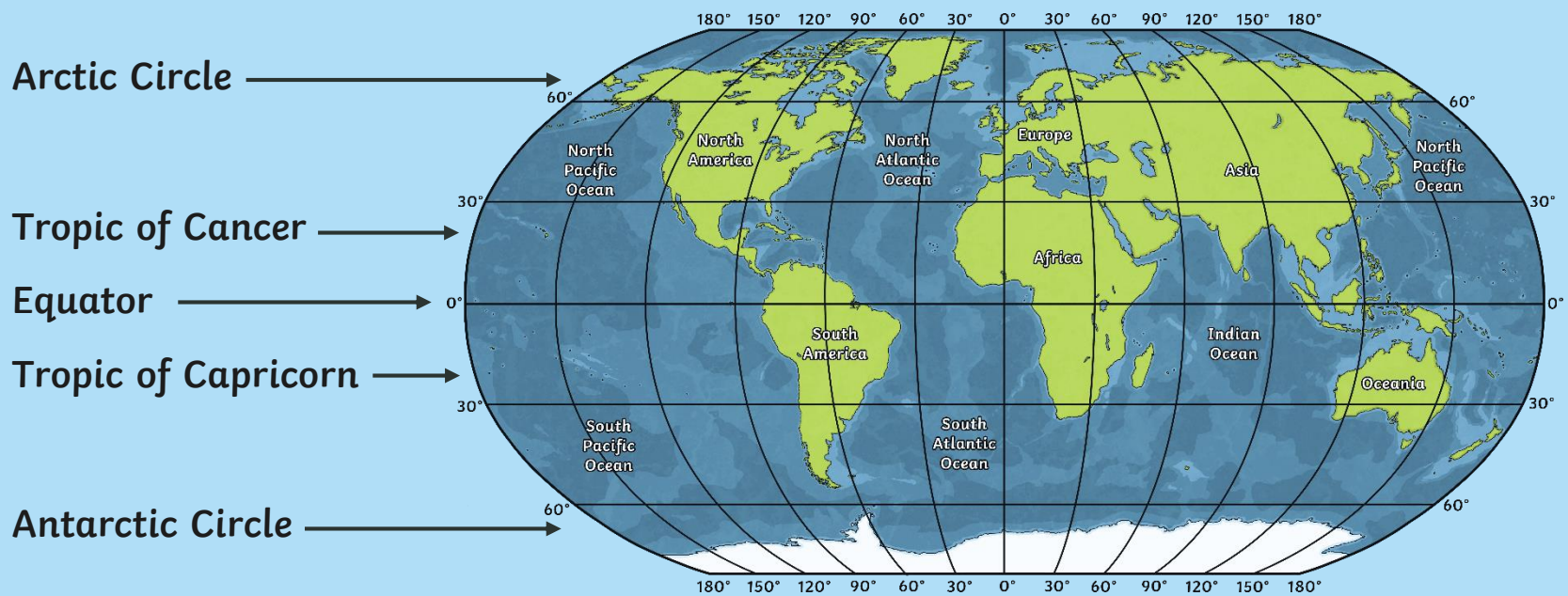
Share your ideas with a partner.



Latitude and Longitude



This world map shows the lines of latitude and longitude.
What do the lines of latitude and longitude tell us?

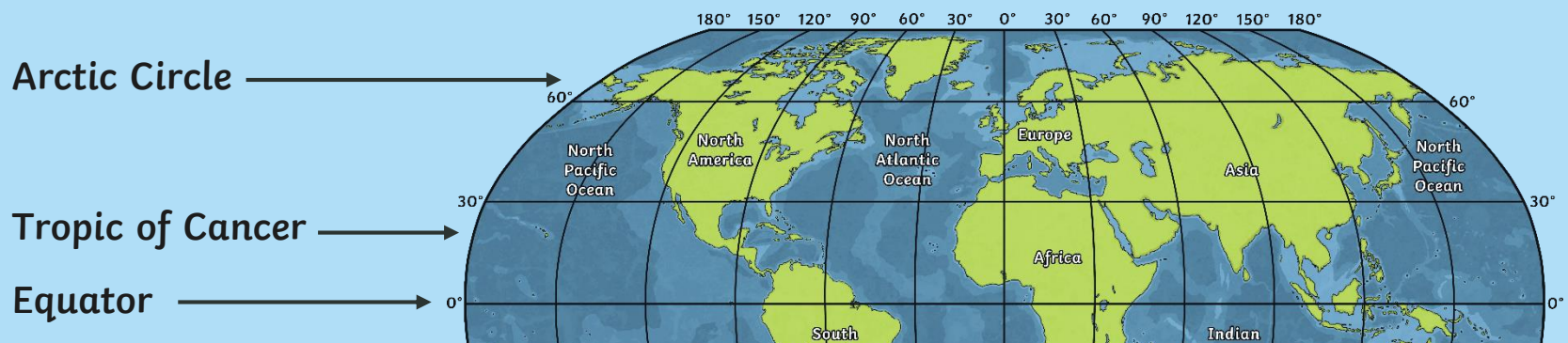


Will the places in each land mass look the same? Why/Why not?

Climate Zones



What do you know about these areas?
Click each of the areas to find out more.



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Antarctic Circle: an imaginary line around the globe at the southernmost part of the Earth. Click on the South Pole.

Arctic Circle: an imaginary line around the globe at the northernmost part of the Earth. Click on the North Pole.

Equator: An imaginary line around the globe at the middle of the Earth. The sun is directly above this line around 23rd September.

Tropic of Cancer: an imaginary line around the globe at latitude 23.5° north. The sun is directly above this line at the solstice around 21st June.

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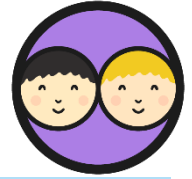
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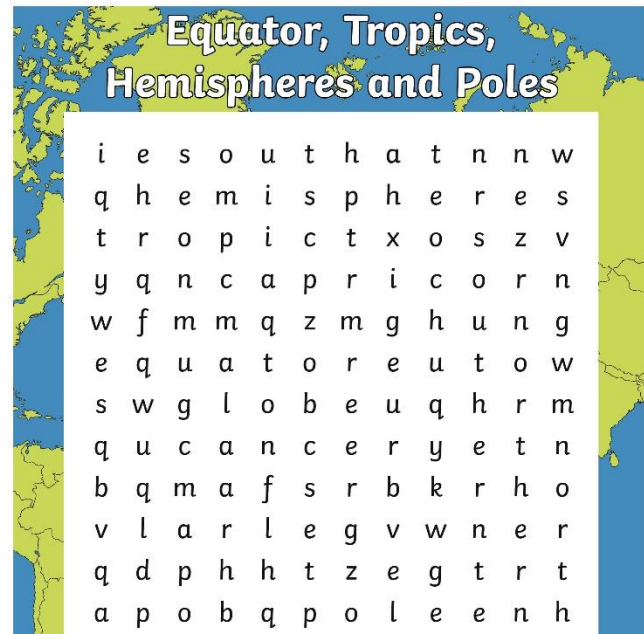
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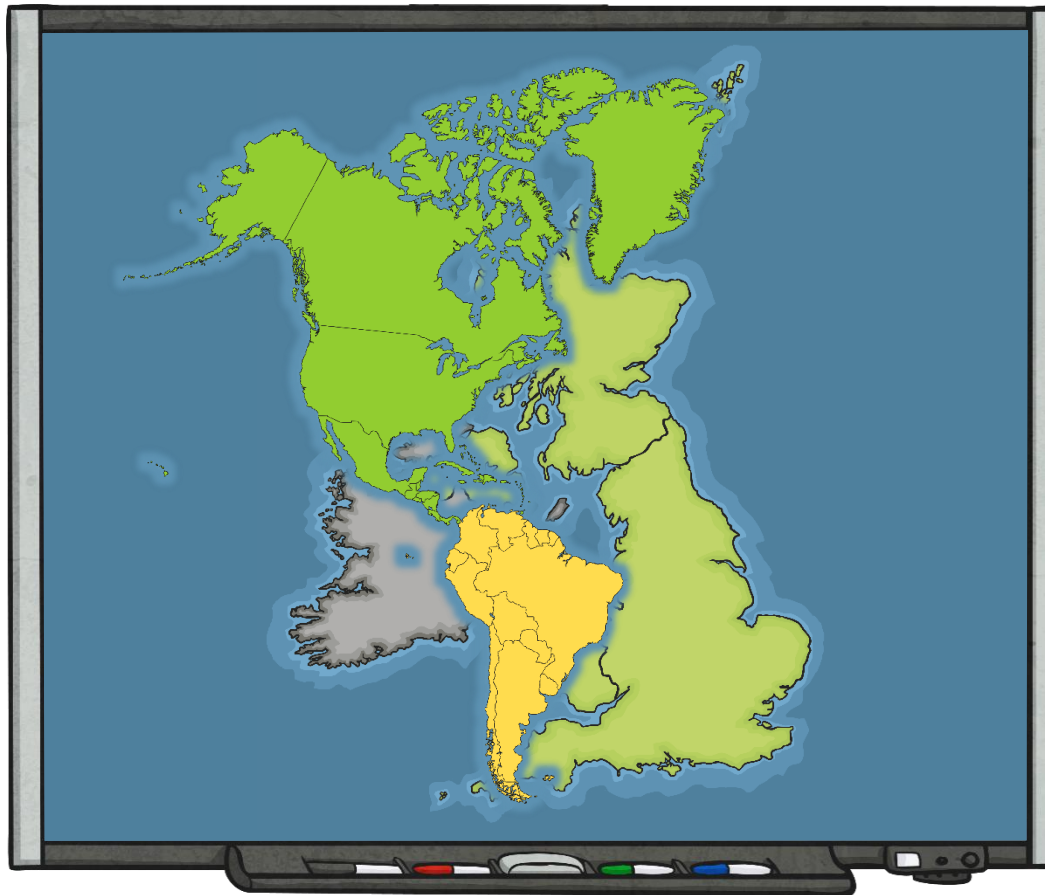
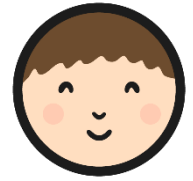
Key Vocabulary



Work with a partner to complete the [Word Search Activity Sheet](#). Then write a definition of each of the key words found.

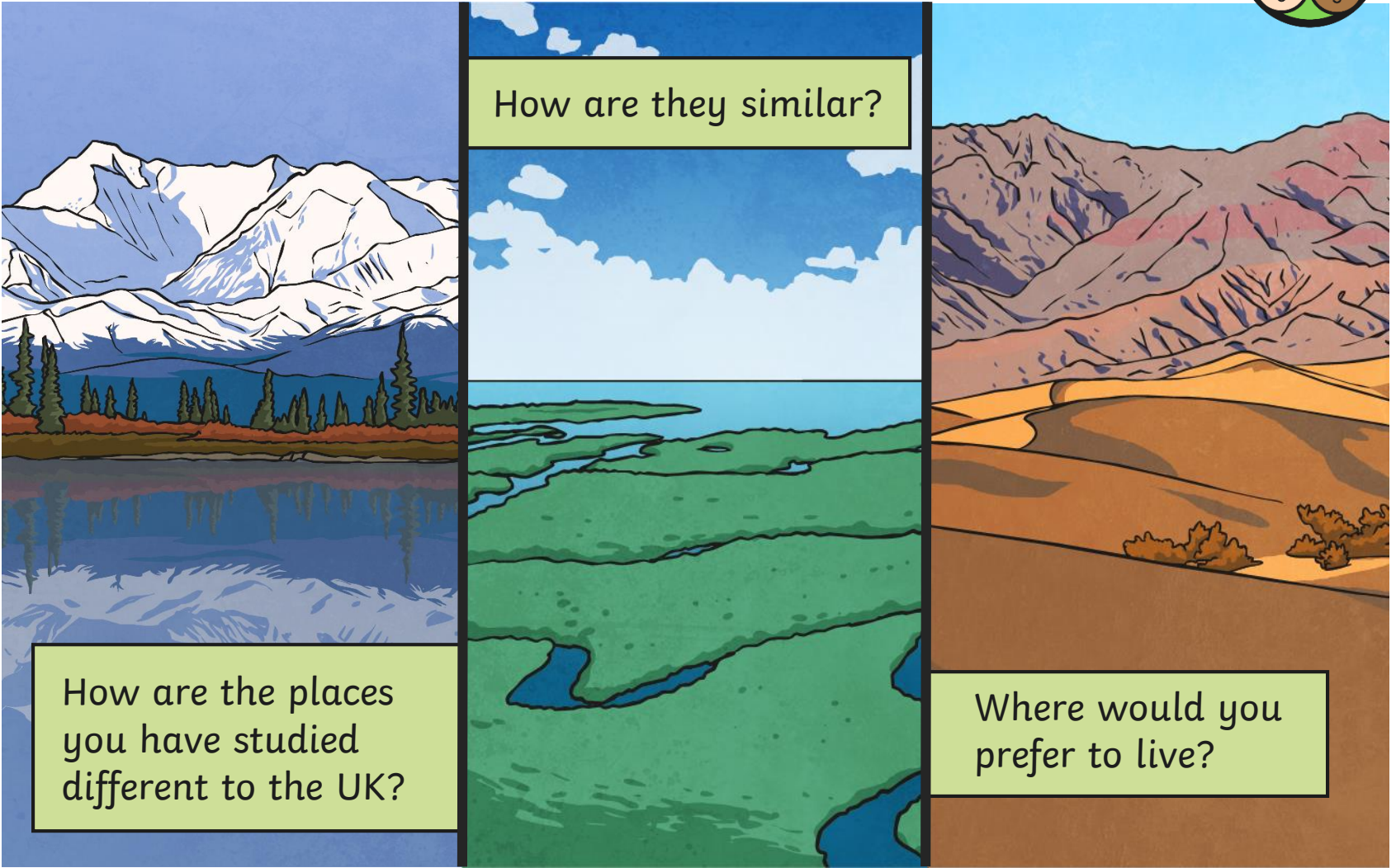


Geographical Locations and Characteristics



Unlike the United Kingdom, the Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude. This means that the characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly. These will include temperature, rainfall, vegetation and land use.

Making Comparisons

The image is divided into three vertical panels. The left panel shows a snowy mountain range with evergreen trees in the foreground. The middle panel shows a green valley with a winding river and a blue sky with clouds. The right panel shows a dry, brown landscape with rolling hills and a few small bushes under a clear blue sky.

How are they similar?

How are the places
you have studied
different to the UK?

Where would you
prefer to live?

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