

## POLAR

In polar areas, it is very cold with strong, dry winds. The average temperature is about  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The sun never rises above the horizon, even at midday. Snow usually falls about 3 days a week. The Antarctic regions around the South Pole are the coldest places on Earth. The Arctic region is less cold but still icy all year.

## COOL TEMPERATE

The average temperature during day time is 3-8°C. Usually it is cloudy (usually one hour of sunshine a week). It is wet (it usually rains 4 or 5 days a week). Wind is often moderate, during daytime there are winds from the sea (sea breezes). All areas in the temperate regions have four seasons; spring, summer, autumn and winter.

## TROPICAL

Places with a tropical climate are near the Equator. It is always hot there and the temperature is usually between 24°C and 27°C. There is a lot of rain all the year. It usually rains about 3 days a week. It is very sunny, about 9 hours of sunshine a day. There are two seasons; the rainy season and the dry season. There are often gentle and moderate winds.

## DESERT

In places with a desert climate there is very little rainfall, with less than 25cm. of rain each year. During the day, it is very hot (up to 52°C) but at night it is very cold.

There are usually calm or gentle winds. Occasionally there are dust storms.

There are hot deserts and cold deserts.

Hot deserts are near the Tropics. Cold deserts are in the Temperate zone.

## MOUNTAIN

The climate in mountain areas changes a lot with the height of the mountains.

Temperatures are very low in winter and cool in summer. It is always colder in the mountains than in the lowlands.

There is abundant precipitation during the year. It often snows in winter.

Sometimes, they get a lot of snow, ice and rain there.

## WARM TEMPERATE

Places with a warm temperate climate have very hot, dry summers; often over 40°C.. The winters there are not normally very cold, the average temperature during the daytime is about 13-17°C. There are often moderate and strong winds. It is quite wet, it usually rains 2 or 3 days a week.