

# CLIMATE ZONES:

## \* TUNDRA

Found in the Northern Hemisphere, near to the North Pole. Very cold and dry climate. Periods of time where it is always light or always dark. e.g. Siberia, Russia.

## \* HOT DESERTS

Generally found around the Tropics (Cancer and Capricorn) around 22.5°S and 22.5°N of the Equator. Very hot and dry during the day although can be very cold at night. e.g. Sahara Desert.

## \* MEDITERRANEAN

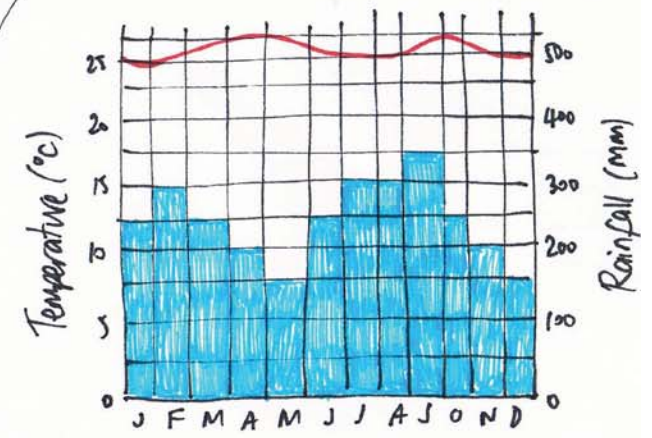
Generally found about 35° N and S of the equator, and on the West of continents. Hot Summers, warm winters and a summer drought are common.

# WHAT IS CLIMATE?

Climate is the average weather conditions over a period of time (usually around 30 years)

Climate

# CLIMATE GRAPHS:



If asked to describe a climate from a climate graph you should mention the following:

- Highest temperature (quote it & the month)
- Lowest temperature (at above!)
- Temperature range (highest - lowest = range)
- Highest rainfall (again, quote figures!)
- Lowest rainfall (figures!)

You must mention both (ie. temperature and rainfall) and also if you can say which climate zone it is likely to be.

## \* TROPICAL RAINFORESTS

Usually found between 5° N and S of the equator. Also known as 'Equatorial Climate'. Hot and wet throughout the year. Weather patterns are similar everyday. No seasons.

REMEMBER: DESERTS > 250mm/yr  
RAINFOREST ~ 2000mm/yr