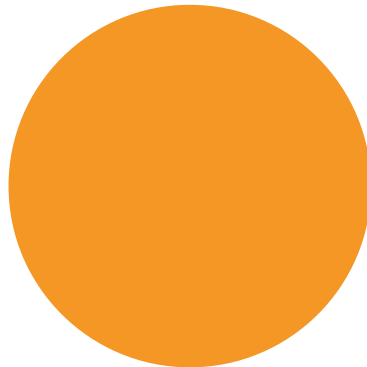
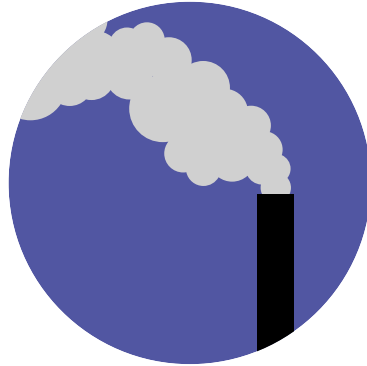




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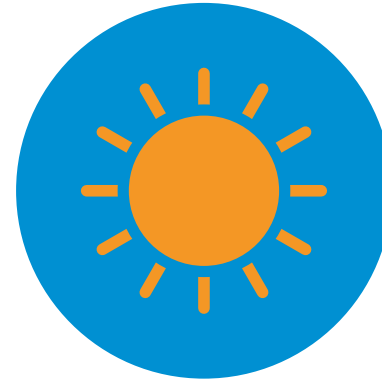
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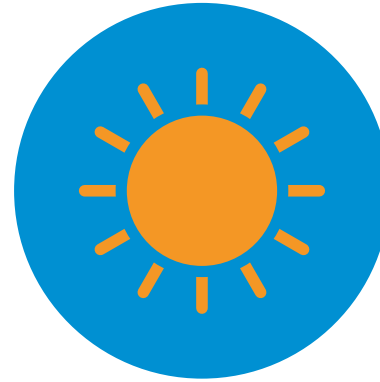
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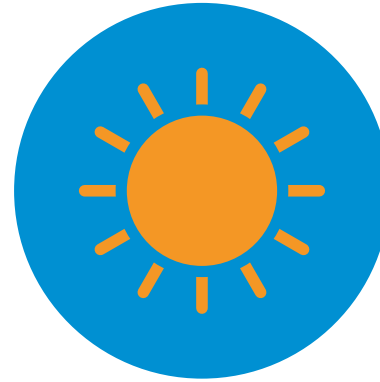
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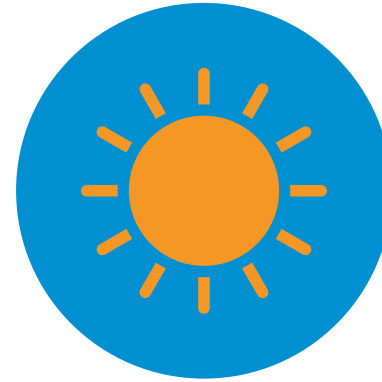
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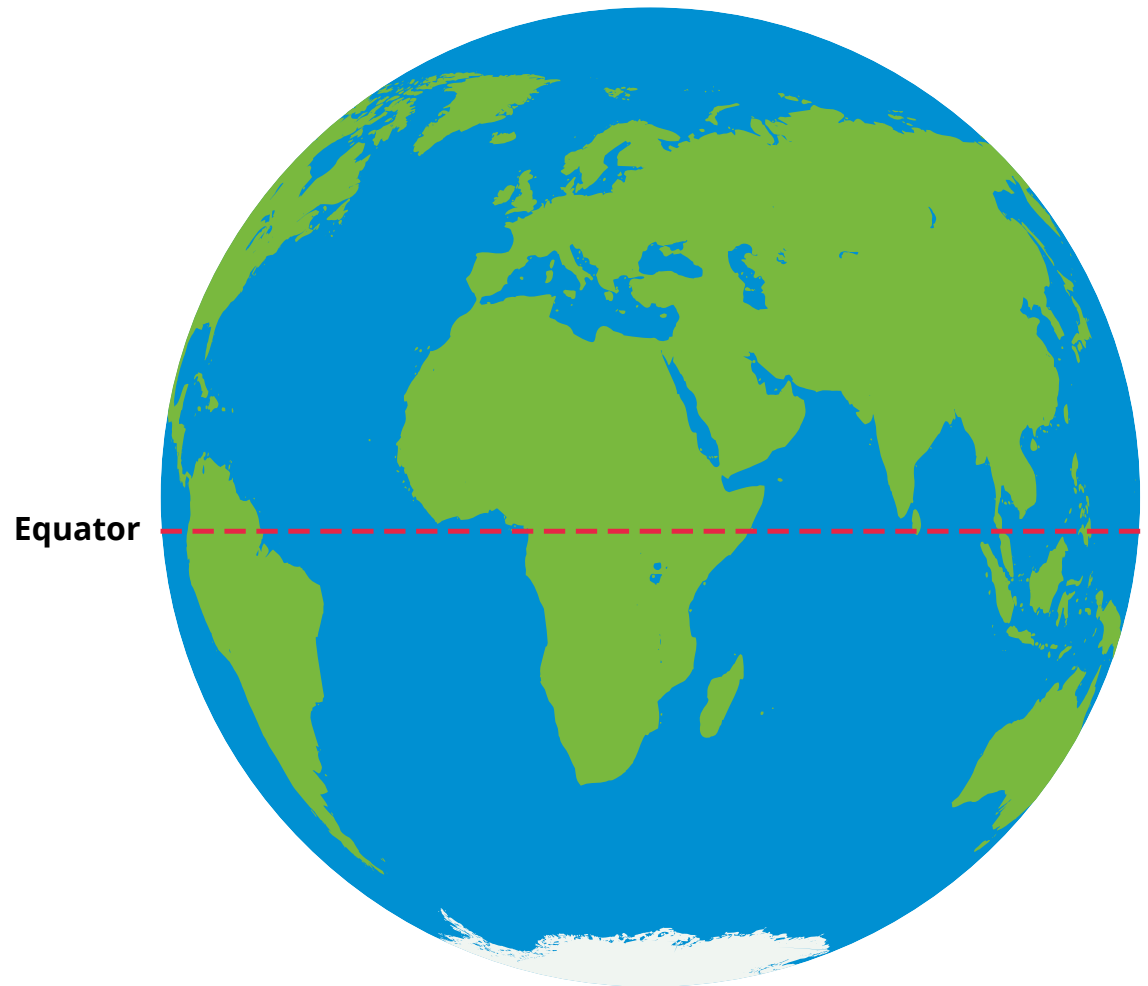
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CLIMATE

The word climate means the long-term weather patterns for a particular area.

The equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth, a bit like a belt. The areas closest to this belt have very hot climates. Areas nearest to either of the poles have very cold climates.

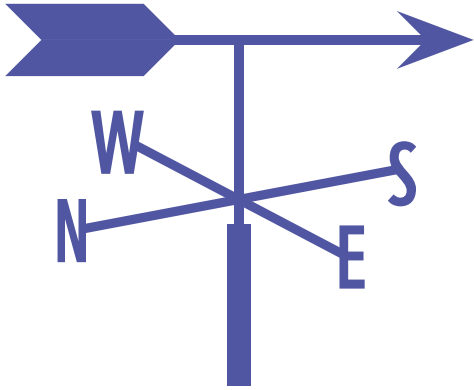
See if you can name some of the places found in these 5 different climate zones. Hover over the zones to find out more.



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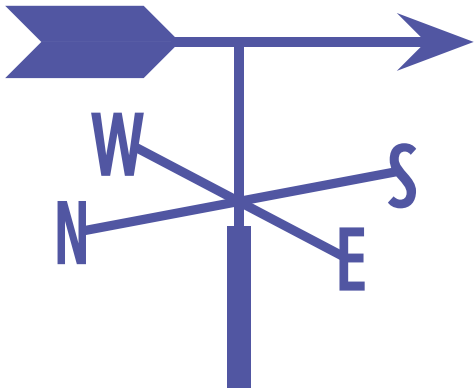
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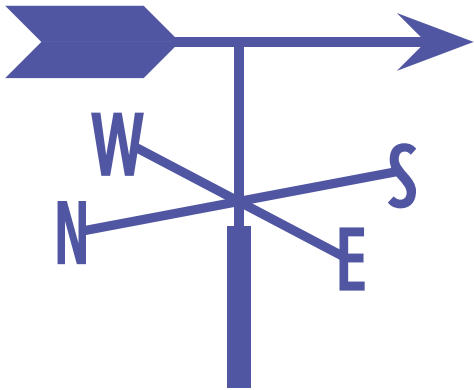
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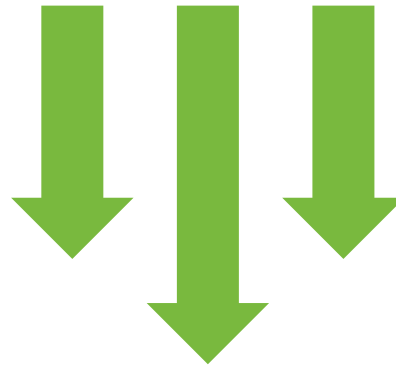
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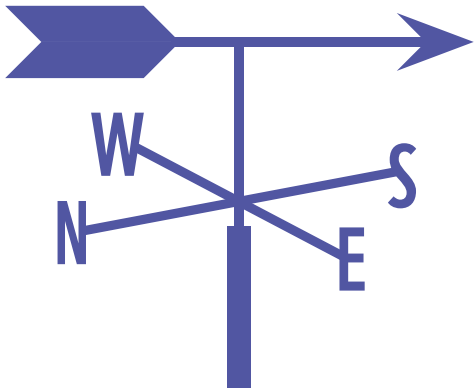
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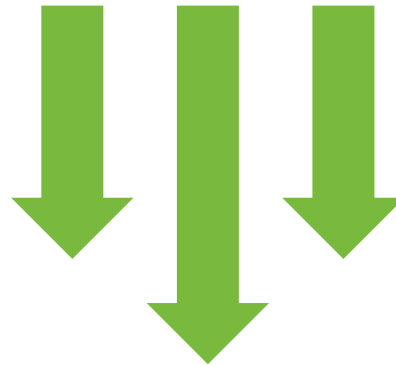
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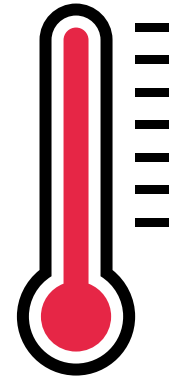
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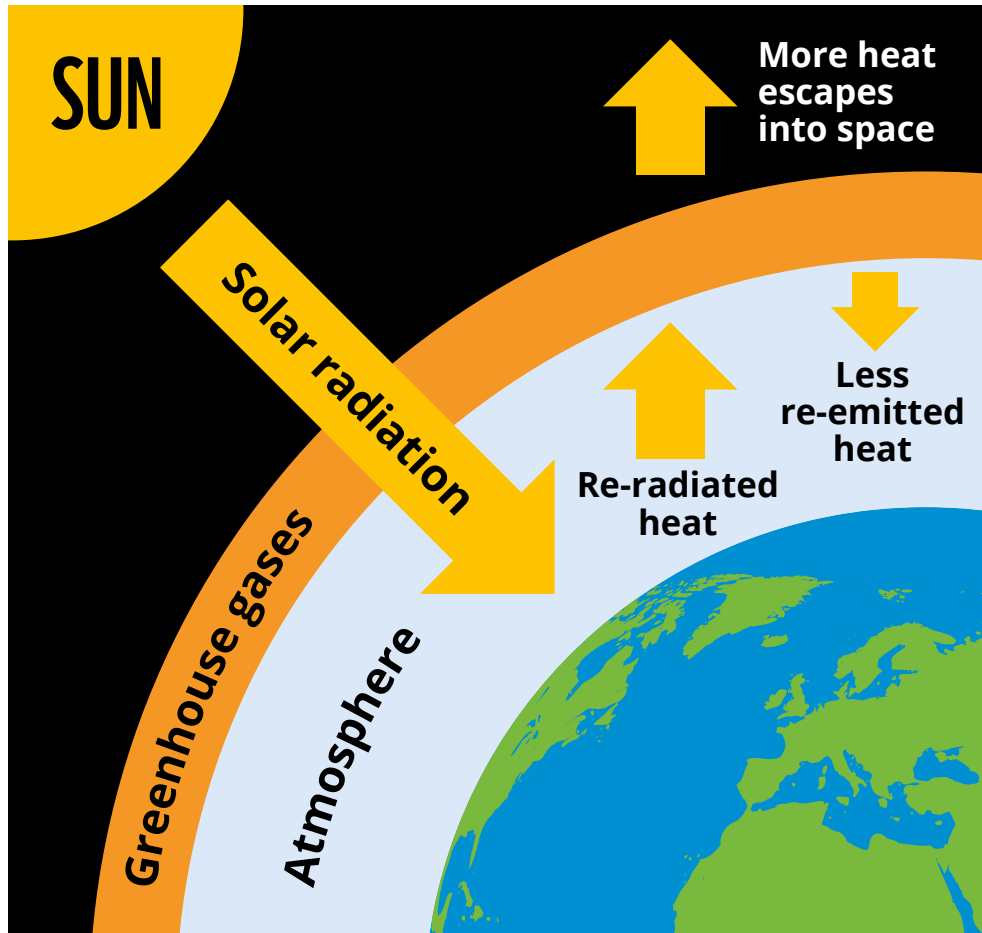
Temperature is influenced by all of these, as well as how much sunshine reaches the Earth.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Since the 18th century scientists known as meteorologists have been monitoring and recording the weather. These records show that the Earth's atmosphere is beginning to get warmer which is causing our climate to change.

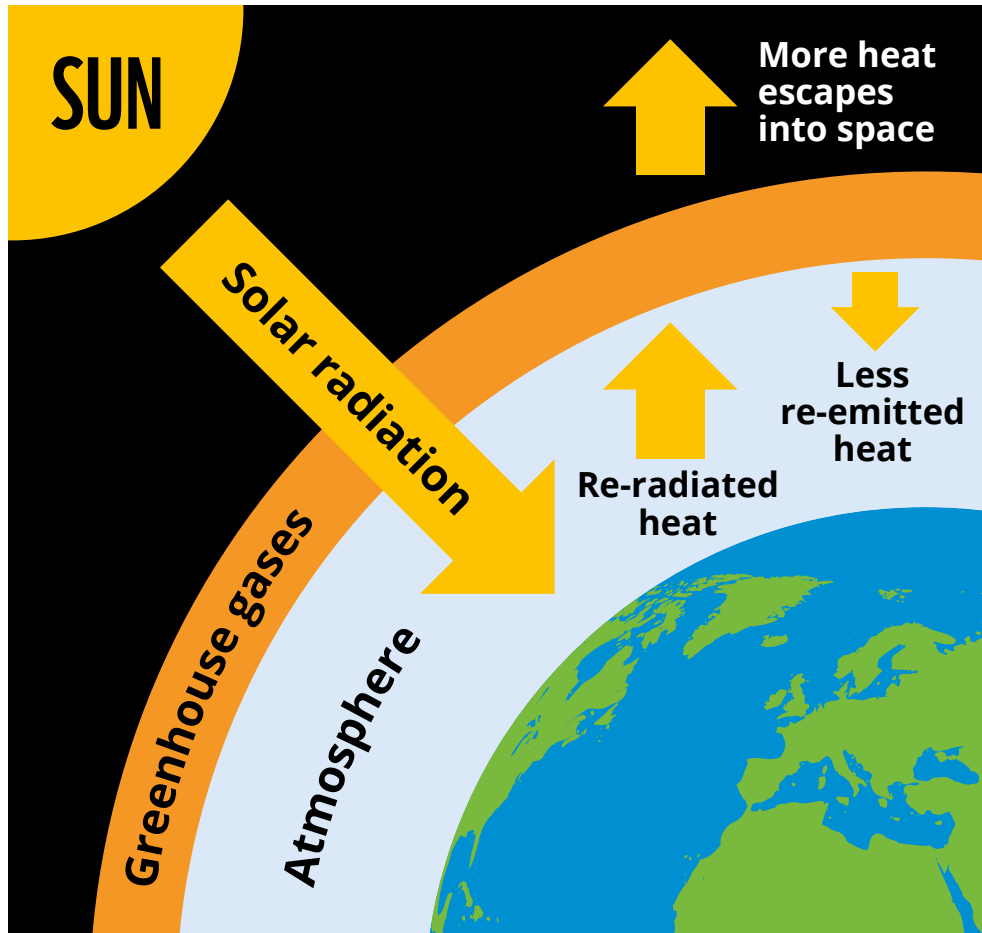
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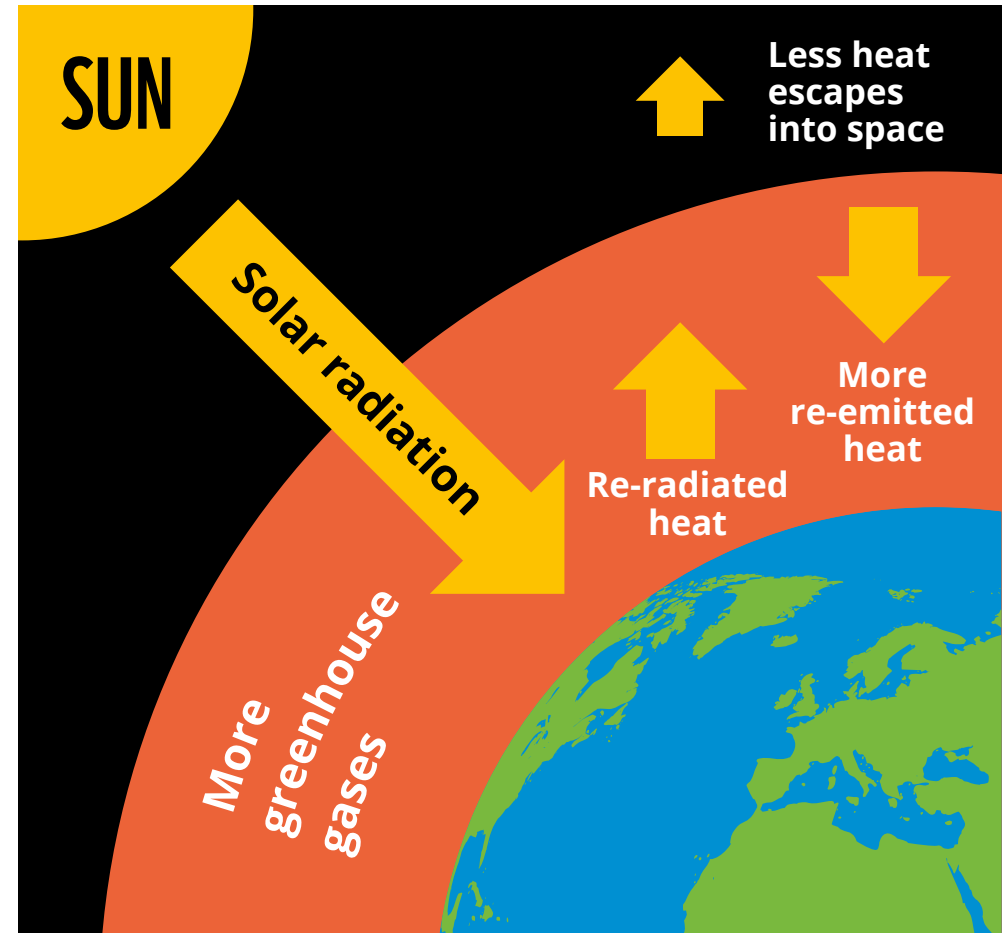


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**INCREASED GLOBAL WARMING
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WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Human activity has caused the Earth to get warmer in the last 100 years.

Climate change caused by our greenhouse gases is changing our weather patterns leading to rising temperatures and extremes of weather - both of which are damaging our natural environment.

Think back to the places around the globe you named earlier. How do you think weather extremes and climate change will affect the animals and people that live there?



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Hover over the dots for ideas. →

CLIMATE CHANGE AND US

What about us, here in the UK?

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WEATHER
WARNING
ACROSS
THE UK**



**FLOOD CRISIS GRIPS
CITIES WITH MORE
RAIN FORECAST**



CHOCOLATE PRICES ARE RISING



**THE DROWNING OF THE
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