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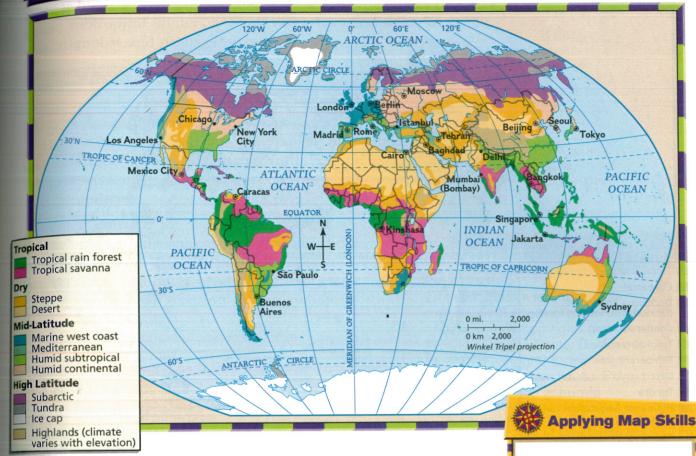
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World Climate Regions



Mid-Latitude Climates

Mid-latitude, or moderate, climates are found in the middle latitudes of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. They extend from about 23½° to 60° both north and south of the Equator. Most of the world's people—probably including you—live within these two bands around the earth. The climate zones found here are called mid-latitude because they are in the middle of both the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. The midlatitude climates are neither as close to the Equator as the tropical climates nor as close to the Poles as the high latitude climates.

The mid-latitude region includes more and different climate zones than other regions. This variety results from a mix of air masses. As you remember from Section 2, warm air comes from the Tropics. Cool air comes from the polar regions. In most mid-latitude climates, the temperature changes with the seasons. Sometimes the climate zones in this region are called temperate climates.

Marine West Coast Climate Coastal areas that receive winds from the ocean usually have a mild marine west coast climate. If you lived in one of these areas, your winters would be rainy and mild, and your summers would be cool. Most areas with this climate—such as

- 1. Which climate covers most of the southeastern United States?
- 2. Which climate is most common in countries directly on the Equator?

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