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Grasslands

Aww, yeah, let's talk about the grassland:

A biome that is covered in grass, plus it's flat, and

They're found on every continent except Antarctica,

But they go by different names. Yo, we could start with the

Serengeti savanna in Africa, that's major,

While the prairies of North America have a different flavor.

Pampas are what can be found in South America,

While Europe and Asia have steppes, yep. Now here we go

To a continent's dry interior.

When it comes to finding grasslands, that's the criteria.

For about half the year, they have a wet season.

The other half's dry. That's right, they keep it even.

There are two main categories of grassland:

Savanna and temperate grassland. That's a fact, fam.

Savannas are found in tropical latitudes,

So they're warm or hot year-round. Plus, watch your shoes

When it's the rainy season, 'cause you're gonna get wet.

And in the hot dry winter, wildfires are a threat.

Temperate grasslands are found at mid-latitude,

So their temperatures vary, but they're a little more subdued.

They have rainy periods, fires, and droughts,

But it's not like the savanna, where they go all out.

I mean, they have rainy periods, droughts, and fires,

But it's not like the savanna, where the stakes are higher.

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But they always have a wet and dry season, and it's home

To animals and plants that were able to advance
'Cause they made adaptations to have a better chance on
The grasslands, where it can be cold or hot,
But they always have a wet and dry season, and they've got
Many animals and plants that call the grasslands home,
But they had to adapt on their own.

In the savanna plants are smaller and closer to the ground,
'cause the dry season and wildfires will burn 'em down.
Now grass grows back easily, but trees take it slow.
In the savanna grass has evolved to grow
Quickly when the rains come. Yo, they don't even play:
Some varieties can grow over an inch in a day!
Plants also save water and energy with a secret:
They only flower for part of the year, that's a sweet trick.
Plants that are larger are able to store water
In their roots, bulbs, or trunks. Now follow me cause we got to
See the animals in the savanna—lions, giraffes, zebras,
Elephants and gazelles, rhinos—please believe us.
They're able to migrate great lengths to find food,
Grazing on grass and plants along the way as they move.
Now some plants develop a thick covering
Or pointy spines to prevent animals from discovering
Their next meal. Other plants protect themselves with chemicals
So if they get eaten they taste bad to animals.
But that's just life on the savanna.
One time for the grasslands, everybody, hands up!

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