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Land Biomes

Today we're gonna talk about land biomes, so listen:

A biome is a region of similar ecosystems

All with a certain climate and plant and animal life,

And the different climates determine what the biome is like.

Climate's the typical weather in a particular place, and

Its main aspects are temperature and precipitation.

There are different types of land biomes to explore,

And what we're about to do is take you through the major four.

Let's begin with the grasslands.

They're on every continent except Antarctica, but understand

They're called different things: prairies in North America,

Savannas in Africa, pampas in South America.

They're called steppes in Europe and Asia

And rangelands in Australia, does that amaze ya?

Grasslands can be temperate or tropical,

But they all have grass as their primary plant—watch, it yo!

For half the year grasslands get lots of rain.

For the other half, let's just say it's not the same.

It's very dry and the grass dies,

But when it rains again, the grass grows quick, just as high.

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By a certain climate, plant, and animal life.

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Now let's take it to the forest. There are three major kinds:

Tropical, temperate, and taiga. You'll find
That no matter the type, their primary plant is trees.

Their climates? Yeah, they vary by a couple degrees,
But that depends on their latitude, and all year round
They mostly have regular precipitation coming down.

Now how about the desert, known for extreme dryness.
With less than 10 inches of precipitation, you know why it's
Often really hot during the day,
But at night it gets cold when the sun goes away.

Now there's three types of tundra:

Alpine, Arctic and Antarctic. If you wonder
What the climate's like, well, it's cold and dry,
With a flat terrain and no trees that we could climb.
They're basically cold deserts with permafrost,
A layer of frozen soil underneath that never thaws.

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And remember, y'all, these are just the major land biomes. The aquatic biome includes Earth's lakes, ponds, rivers, and oceans.