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Answers

Deserts

- Deserts are the hottest and driest areas of the Earth.
- Temperatures can reach 50 °C during the day and below 0 °C during the night.
- There is little rainfall.
- Few people live in deserts.
- The Sahara Desert is the world's largest desert.

Tropical Rainforests:

- Tropical rainforests are found close to the equator.
- The temperature is consistent throughout the year (around 30 °C throughout the year).
- There are two seasons: the wet season and the dry season.
- The hot and humid climate provides the ideal conditions for half the world's plant and animal species to live.
- The world's largest rainforest is the Amazon rainforest.

Savannahs:

- Savannahs are hot, dry grasslands.
- There are two seasons: a dry season (when plants die back) and a wet seasons (when plants grow quickly).
- Savannahs can be found in countries such as Brazil, Kenya, northern Australia, Tanzania, Venezuela and Zambia.

Temperate Forests:

- Temperate forests contain trees that lose their leaves in winter.
- Temperate forests can be found across most of Europe, USA, New Zealand, parts of Australia and northern Japan.
- The climate is mild and wet and there are warm summers and cold winters.