



Y2 Geography Hot & cold places



What is it like in a hot place?

A **desert** is very hot by day but can be cold at night. Deserts are sandy with very little vegetation.

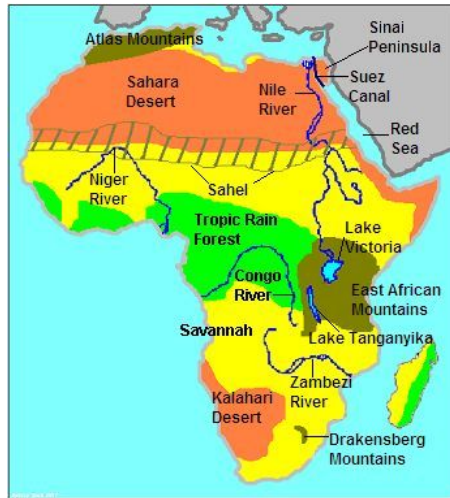
A tropical **rainforest** can be hot, humid and wet. There is lots of vegetation and the forests are teeming with animals.

Where are hot places located?

Hot places are located on or near the equator. Hot places are found in both the northern and southern hemispheres. Hot places include tropical areas such as the Congo and desert areas such as the Sahara

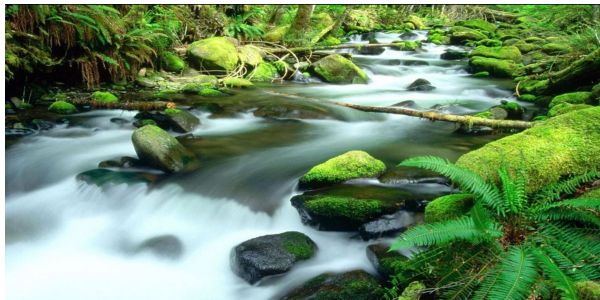
Would you rather live in a tropical place or a cold place?

I would like to live in a tropical place because it is warm all year round and I would get to wear shorts and t-shirts and play outside. However I would not like to be bitten by spiders or snakes or get sunburn. Also the weather can be extreme and there can be big storms called cyclones.



How do people adapt to living in a hot desert?

People living in hot deserts often wear light weight clothes which cover their bodies to protect them from the sun and dust. Water and food can be scarce so people carry this with them when they travel. People don't travel in the hottest part of they day. They might sleep in the shade of a tent when it's really hot.



Key vocabulary

equator	An imaginary circle around the earth that divides it into two equal parts
Northern hemisphere	Half of the earth north of the equator
extreme	As far as possible from what is normal
adapt	change your behaviour so that it is easier to live in a place
vegetation	Plants that cover an area
desert	Very dry, hot and sparse place
tropical	Very hot and humid
humid	When there is lots of water vapour in the air we feel sticky