

average weather conditions over a long period of time significant shifts in temperature and rainfall over a longer period of time, often measured in decades

An imaginary circle around the Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts.

a moving 'stream' of ice

region with extremely hot average temperatures all year round and very low levels of precipitation

a large, thick sheet of ice, for example those covering Antarctica and Greenland

region with extremely cold winters, short cool summers and low levels of snow or rain



