

Wolves –Geography Knowledge Organiser

Buzzards

Key Vocabulary	Definition
biome	An area of the world with common natural features and climates. There are about 6 or 7 agreed biomes but the list changes. Boreal or taiga forest, temperate deciduous forest, rainforest, desert, tundra, aquatic, grassland and savannah.
boreal or taiga forest	The area of coniferous forest south of the Arctic. It is mostly in northern Russia, northern Canada, Alaska, and the north of Sweden, Finland and Norway
continent	Continents are land masses usually separated by water. There are 7 continents: Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa, Antarctica and Australasia (sometimes called Oceania).
country	A nation with its own government, occupying a particular area of land.
equator	The invisible line around the centre of the earth that divides it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
hemisphere	The world is divided into 2 areas, one on each side of the equator. The Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.
savannah	Dry grassland with poor soil and short grass.
temperate deciduous forest	Wooded areas which have deciduous trees. The temperature is usually between 5 and 30 degrees centigrade.
Tropic of Cancer	An invisible line around the earth that goes through Mexico, northern Africa and southern Asia. It is the most northerly place where the sun can be directly overhead.
Tropic of Capricorn	An invisible line around the earth that goes through Australia, South Africa, Brazil and Argentina.. It is the most southerly place where the sun can be directly overhead.
tundra	A flat, treeless Arctic region of Europe, Asia, and North America in which the subsoil is permanently frozen. There is very little animal life.

Key facts

Wolves are only found in the Northern Hemisphere and just south of the Equator in countries like India and Ethiopia

Wolves usually live in the taiga forests, tundra, grasslands and savannah.

Wolves usually live in places with a small or non-existent human population.

Yellowstone Park in the USA introduced a pack of wolves in 1995 as the trophic cascade had been affected by their near extinction.

There used to be wolves in New Mexico but these were hunted nearly to extinction in the 1890s.

Wolves around the world

There are wild wolf populations in parts of all of these continents.

There are no wild wolves in the UK.

Europe

North America

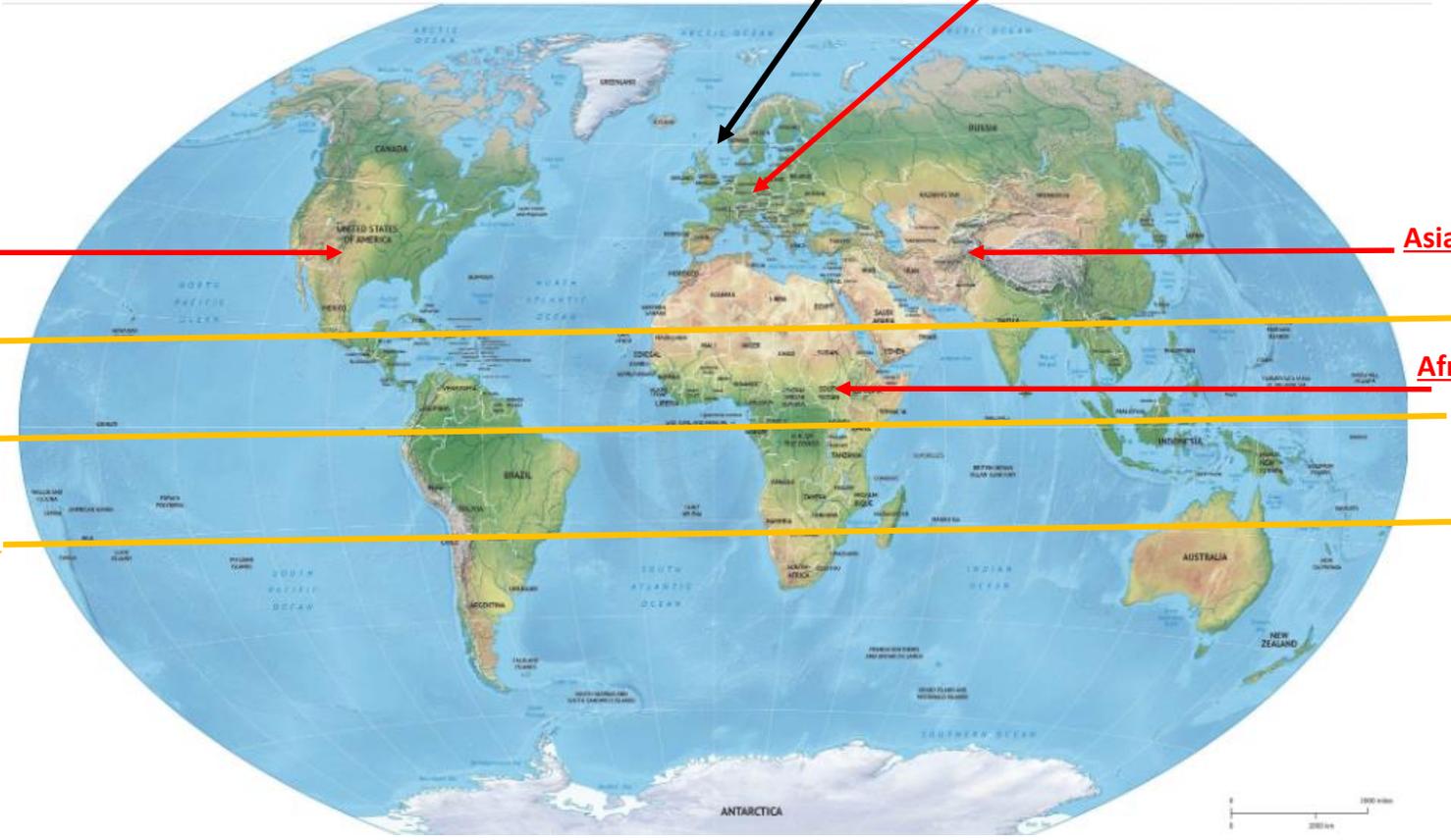
Asia

Tropic of Cancer

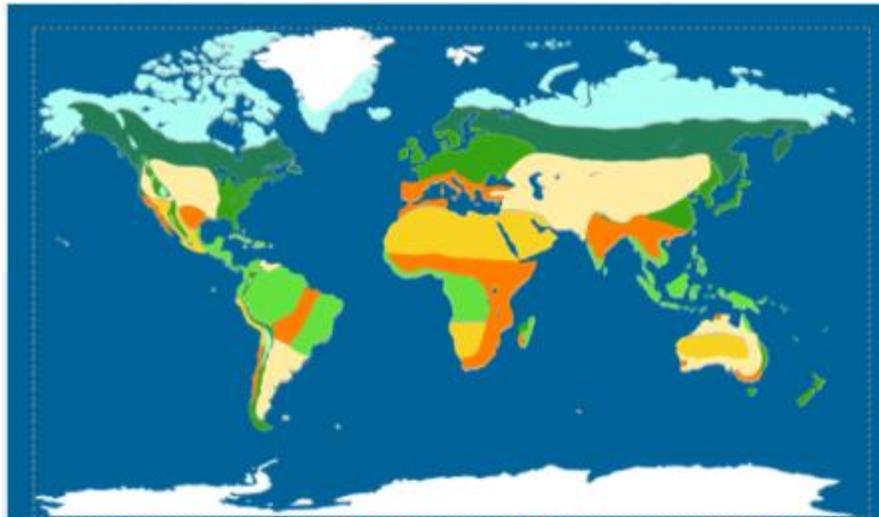
Africa

Equator

Tropic of Capricorn



Biomes



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