

Climatic Zones on Earth



Tropical Climates & Dry Climates

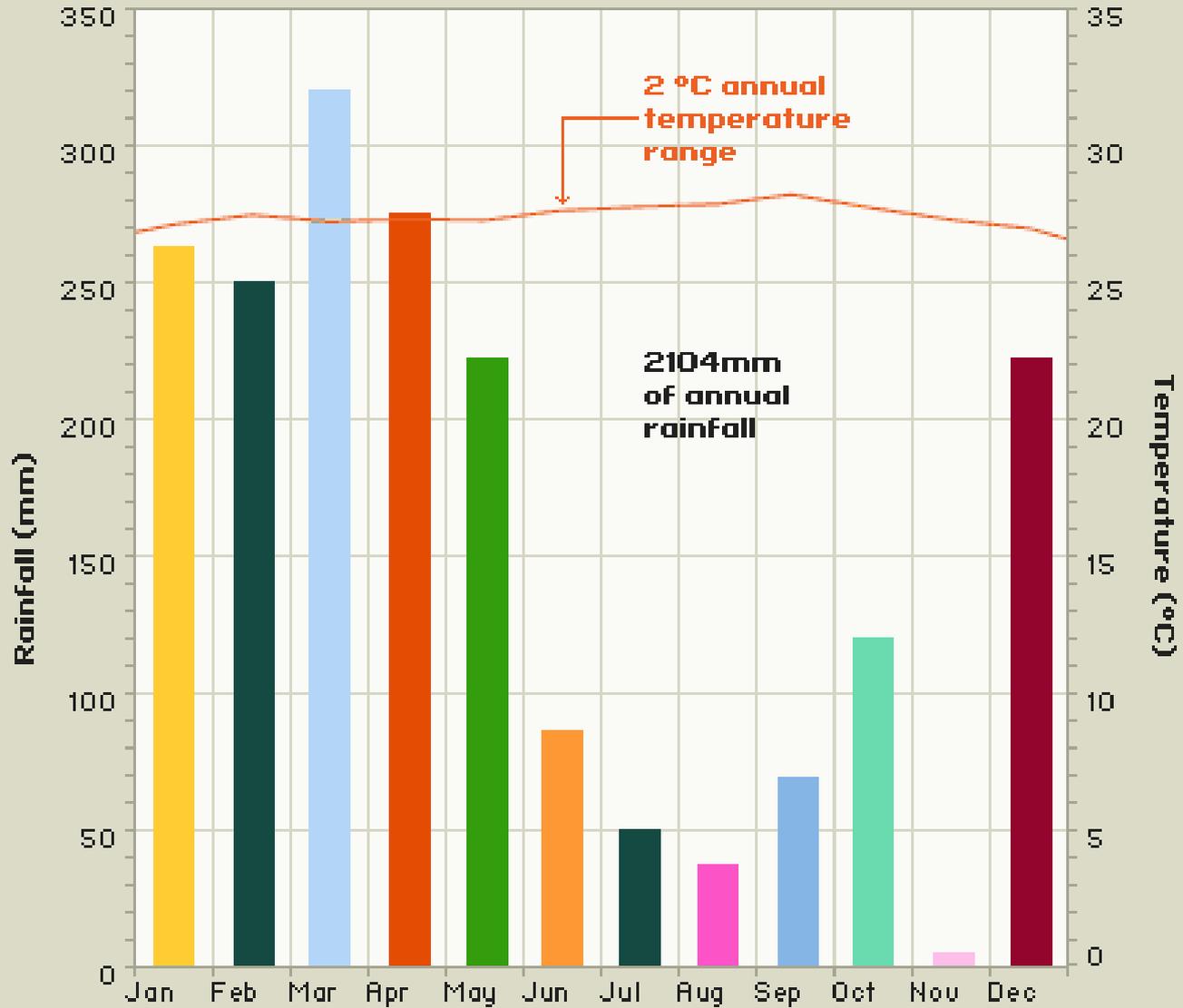
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 - 2.7.2 Draw conclusions about patterns in the distribution of climatic zones. (a)

Tropical Climates

- All **tropical climates** have **average temperatures over 18°C** every day due to:
 - low latitude (near equator)
 - warm ocean currents
 - warm prevailing winds.
- **DO NOT WRITE:** You will notice on the climate graphs below that the line indicating temperature is fairly flat right around 20°C .

Manaus, Brazil

44m above sea level

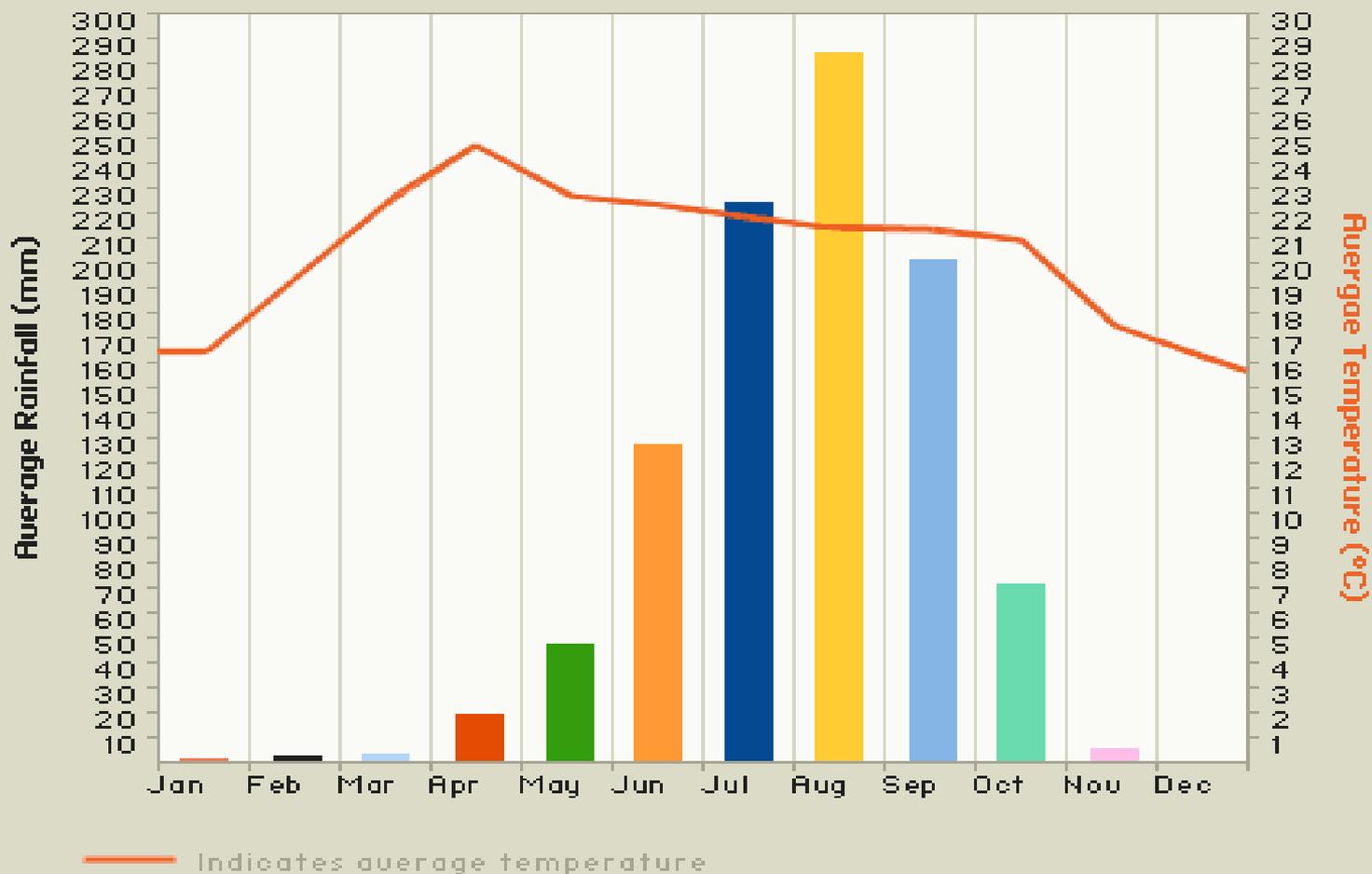


Tropical Climates & Dry Climates

- Tropical climates are located **between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn**. There are 2 types:
 - 1) **Tropical Wet: heavy rain all year** due to hot temperatures and **convictional rain**.
 - 2) **Tropical Wet & Dry: very heavy summer rain & very dry winter.** (monsoon regions)



Temperatures and precipitation (rainfall) in Timbuktu, in Mali, Africa



Arid (Dry) Climates

- All arid (dry) climates get less than 500mm precipitation every year.
 - The region has more evaporation than precipitation.
 - There is not much plant life & it is often windy
 - On a climate graph, you can see that a climate is arid because of the low precipitation bars.

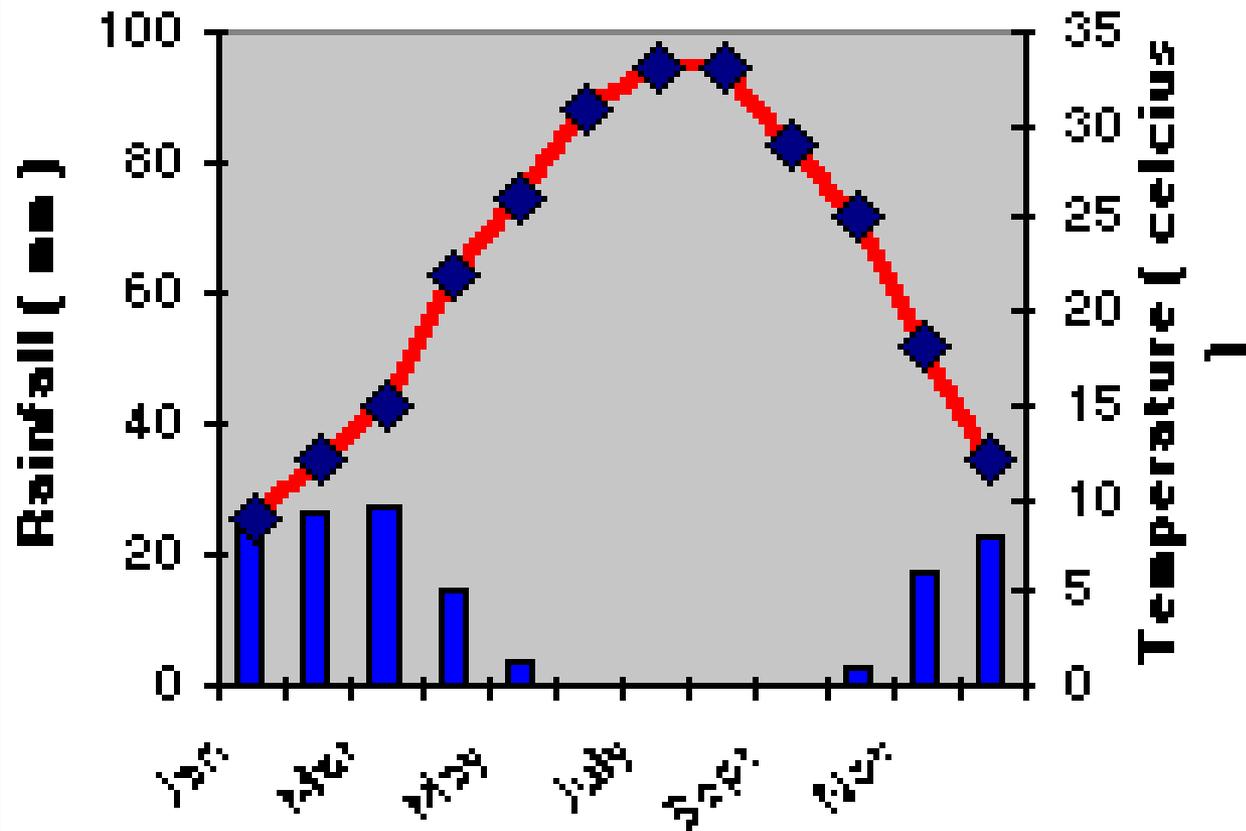


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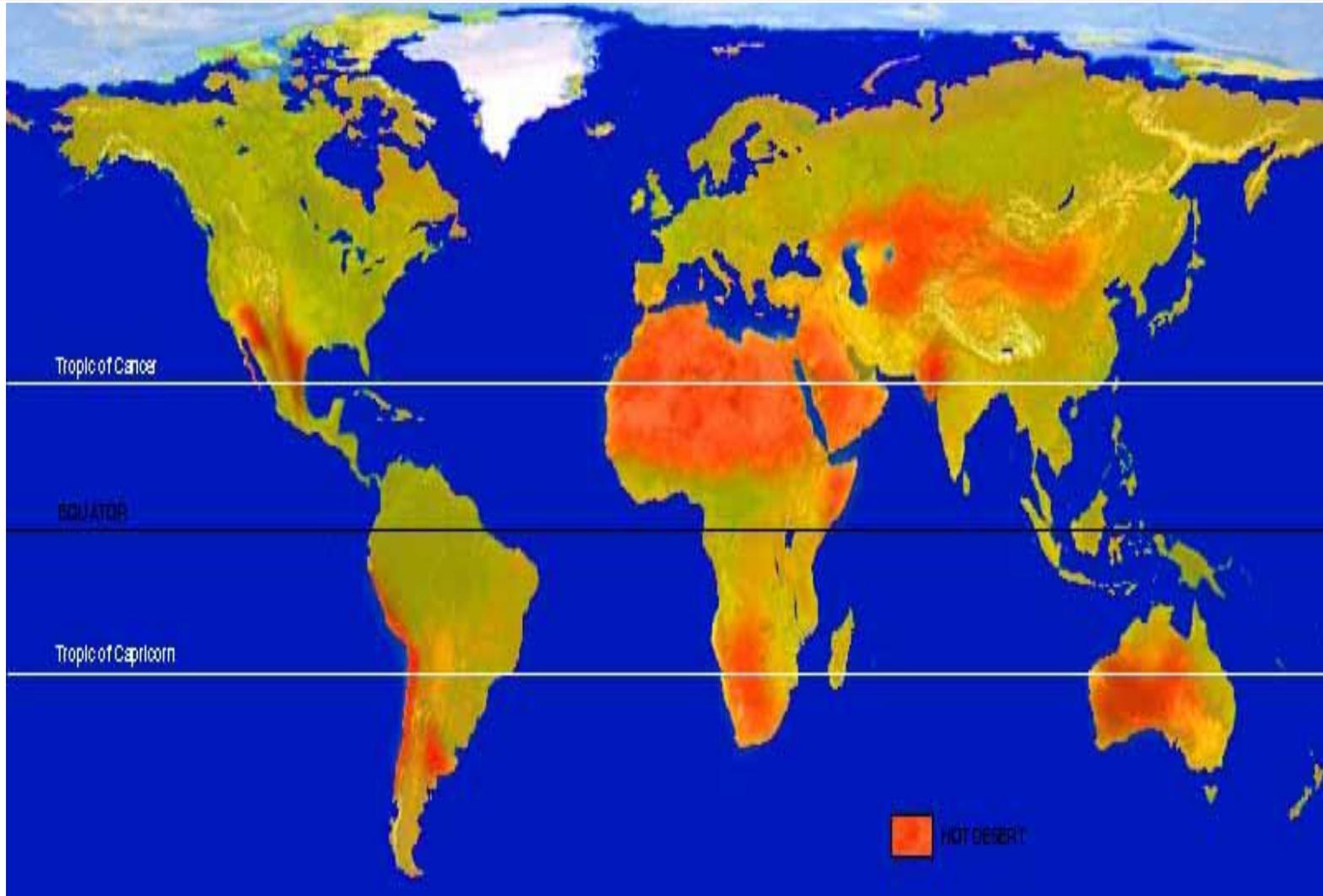
- There are 2 types of arid climates:
 - 1) **Arid (or desert)** dry climates are found mostly **between 10-30°N & 10-30°S** latitude and get **10-250mm rain** every year.
 - 2) **Semi-arid** dry climates are a boundary between deserts & forests. They get **250-500mm rain** every year...enough for grasses to grow but not trees.



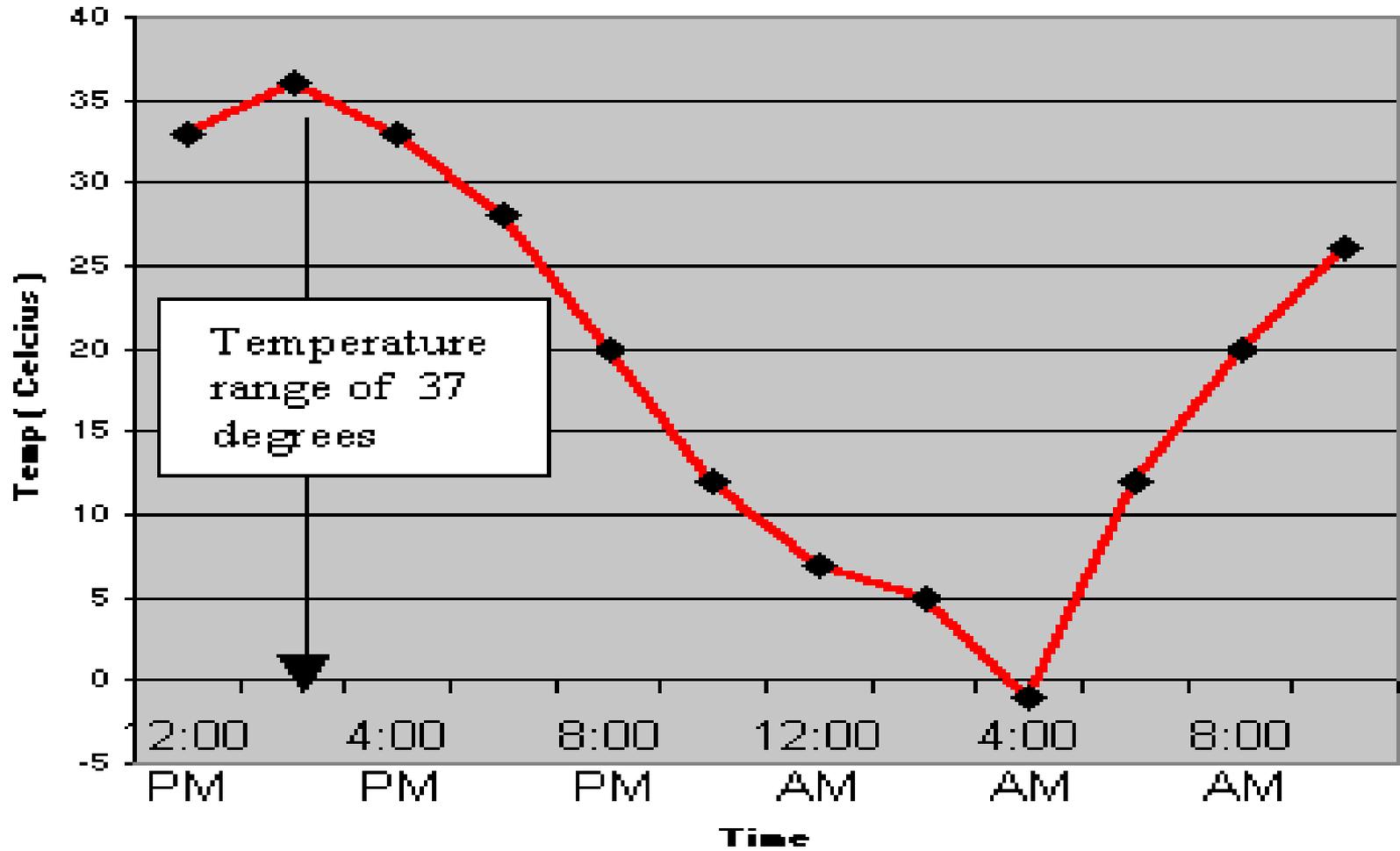
Climate Graph: Baghdad, Iraq



Red Areas- Major Hot Deserts



Diurnal Temperature Range For A Hot Desert



Clear desert skies at night allowing the heat that has built up during the day to escape quickly.





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A winter flower showing that plants have adapted to all aspects of desert climate.



The Patagonia Desert (Argentina) in winter



Semi-arid steppe



Temperate Climates & Polar Climates

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Temperate Climates

- **Temperate mild climates** occur in both hemispheres.
- **Temperate cold climates** only occur in the Northern Hemisphere. (figure 5.1 on page 75)
- Why?



Temperate Mild Winter

- Temperature changes with the seasons
- Occur in the Mid Latitudes (Ex: 40-50 degrees N or S)
- Mild winters
- Summer temperatures vary but **winters are warmer than -3°C**

Temperate Cold Winter

- Temperature changes with seasons
- Occur in the Mid-high Latitudes (40 degrees +)
- Cold winters
- Summer temperatures vary but **winters are colder than -3°C**



Polar Climates

- **Polar climates** are known for their **very cold winter temperatures and low summer temperatures.**
- **Tundra:** summer average temperature **never above 10°C**
- **Ice Caps:** summer average monthly temperature is **never above 0°C**



Highland Climates

- These climates happen in places with high elevation and are colder than the temperatures at sea level.
- However, how cold it gets depends on where the highland is located:
 - How far from the equator
 - How close to the ocean
 - How near it is to an ocean current

