

## Facts about Biomes

### Tropical Rain Forests

- ❑ The climate of tropical rain forests is very wet. It rains almost every day.
- ❑ Many animals spend most of their lives in the branches of the canopy.

### Deciduous Forests

- ❑ Every continent except Africa and Antarctica has deciduous forests.
- ❑ The different layers of plants provide a variety of habitats for animals.

### Grasslands

- ❑ Grass roots grow just below the surface of the soil, and they spread out to take in much of the rain that does fall.
- ❑ North American grasslands produce so much food that they are sometimes called the breadbasket of the world.

### Deserts

- ❑ The sun is always shining, it doesn't rain very often, and the soil and air are both very dry.
- ❑ Desert animals come out to hunt for food at night when it is cooler.

### Taiga

- ❑ The most important adaptation is their needlelike leaves (evergreens).
- ❑ The forest floor is always covered with a thick mat of dead, dry needles. The trees form an almost solid canopy.

### Tundra

- ❑ The tundra is a rolling plain that spreads across Greenland and the most northern areas of Eurasia and North America.
- ❑ Permafrost, a layer of permanently frozen soil just below the surface, is the reason larger plants cannot survive.