# Biome and Habitat Terminology

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Niche — Ecological equivalents — Chaparral
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| Plants | living things that make their own food using the sun, water, and carbon dioxide |
| Animals | large group of living things generally more complex than plants |
| Niche | the place best suited to an inhabitant of a biome |
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| Savanna | long, dry times; sparse areas of trees such as acacia and baobab |
| Taiga | cold winters; time period for growing is short; trees include pine and spruce |
| Temperate coniferous forest | cool, wet areas; mild winters and much rain; trees include pine and cedar |
| Temperate deciduous forest | rainy seasons; cool winters and warm summers; trees include maple and oak |
| Tropical dry forest | warm all year with wet and dry times; plants include palm trees and bamboo |
| Tropical rain forest | warm and rainy all year; plants include climbing vines |
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