### **Climate Vocabulary**

Words we use to describe the climate of a place

#### Climate

The weather conditions of a place over a long period of time.



### Temperature

The degree of hotness or coldness measured by a thermometer. In Australia we measure temperature using degrees Celsius.



# Precipitation

Any kind of weather where something is falling from the sky. For example: rain, snow, hail and dew.



# Dry

Very low precipitation.



# Temperate

Average temperatures in these areas are moderate, they are not extreme. Most places with a temperate climate have four seasons (summer, autumn, winter, spring).



### **Tropical**

All twelve months have temperatures higher than 18 degrees Celsius. The temperature remains fairly hot across the year. There is usually a good amount of rainfall. These areas are near the equator.



#### Equator

An imaginary line that wraps around the middle of the planet dividing the world in to northern and southern hemispheres.



# Humidity

The amount of water vapor in the air.



# Polar

Cold, dry and icy throughout the year.

