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Paleontologist

Polar zone

Temperate chaparral

Temperate desert

Sediment

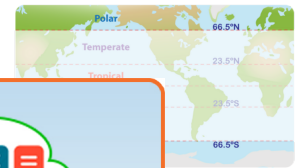
Prevailing winds

Temperate forest

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ - the climate zones greater than 66.5 degrees latitude north and south



3. \_\_\_\_\_  
geograph

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
coniferous  
about 50

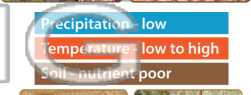
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