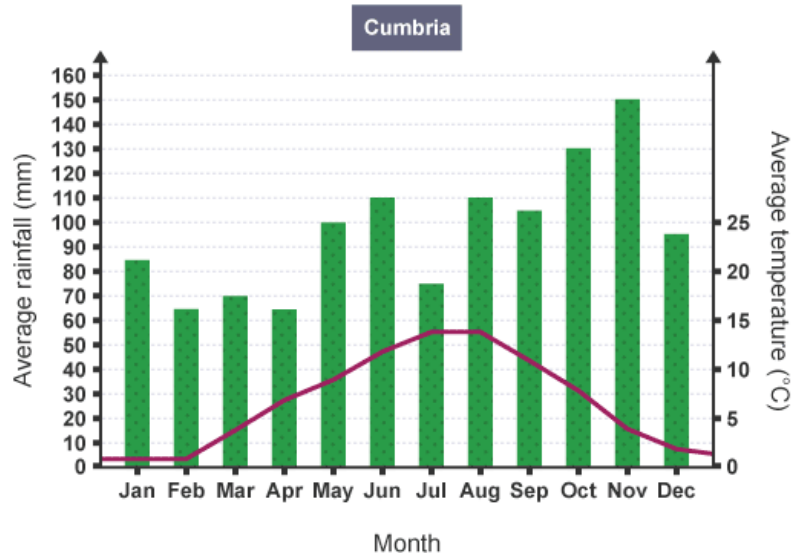
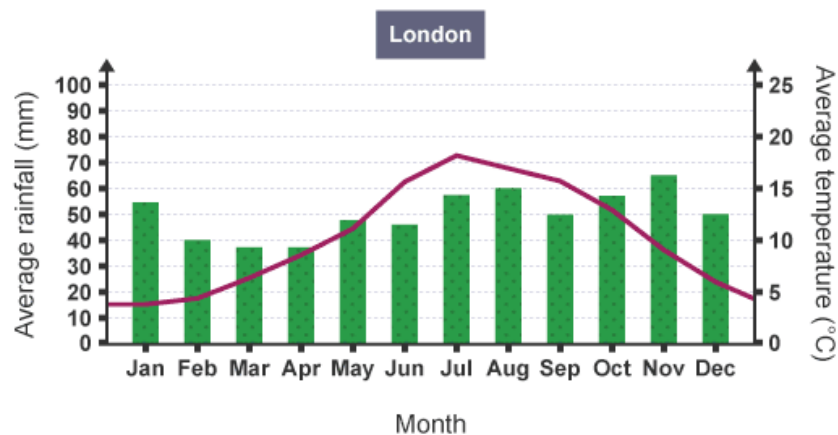


## The Climate of the UK

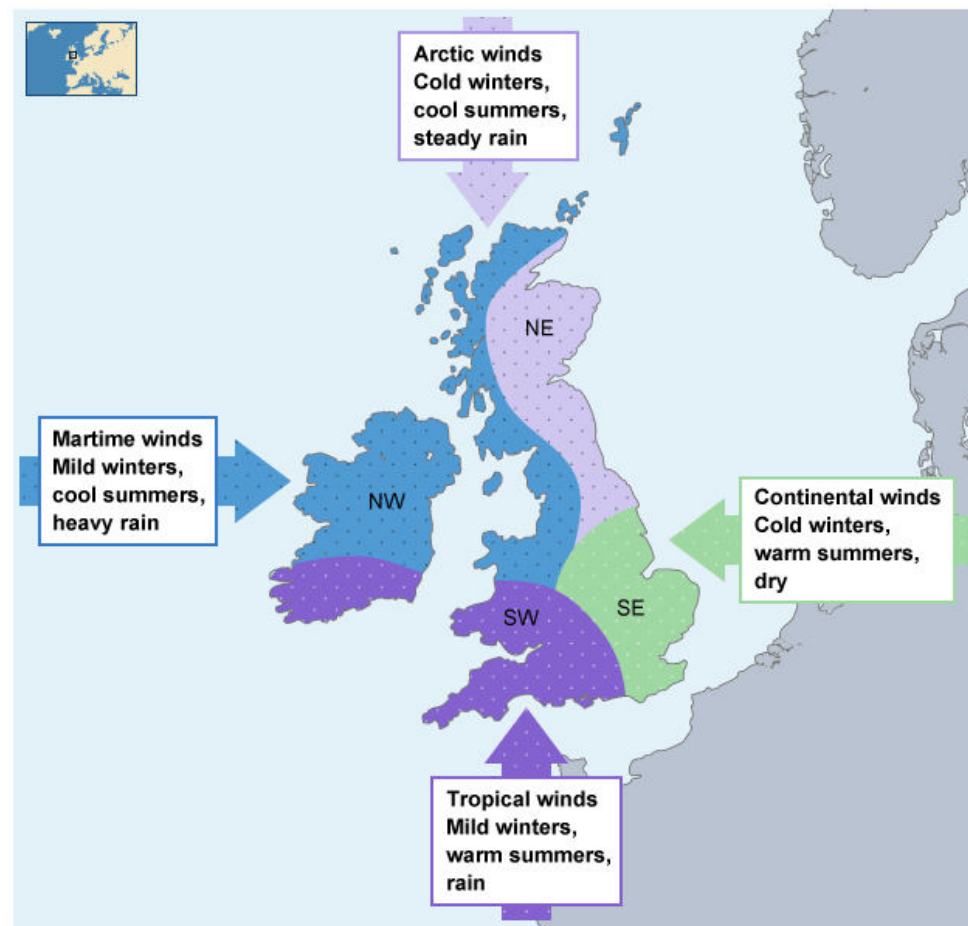
The UK has a temperate climate. In general, this means that Britain gets cool, wet winters and warm, wet summers. It rarely features the extremes of heat or cold, drought or wind that are common in other climates. The weather conditions are also very changeable.

Not all parts of the UK have the same climate. London, in the south-east of the UK, is characterised by a warm and dry climate in the summer and a cold and dry climate in the winter. Cumbria, in the mountainous north-west of England, has generally cooler temperatures and more rainfall throughout the year.



The general pattern of the climate across the UK has four distinct regions:

- south-east: cold winters, warm and dry summers
- south-west: mild and very wet winters, warm and wet summers
- north-west: mild winter, cool summers and heavy rain all year
- north-east: cold winter, cool summers and steady rain all year

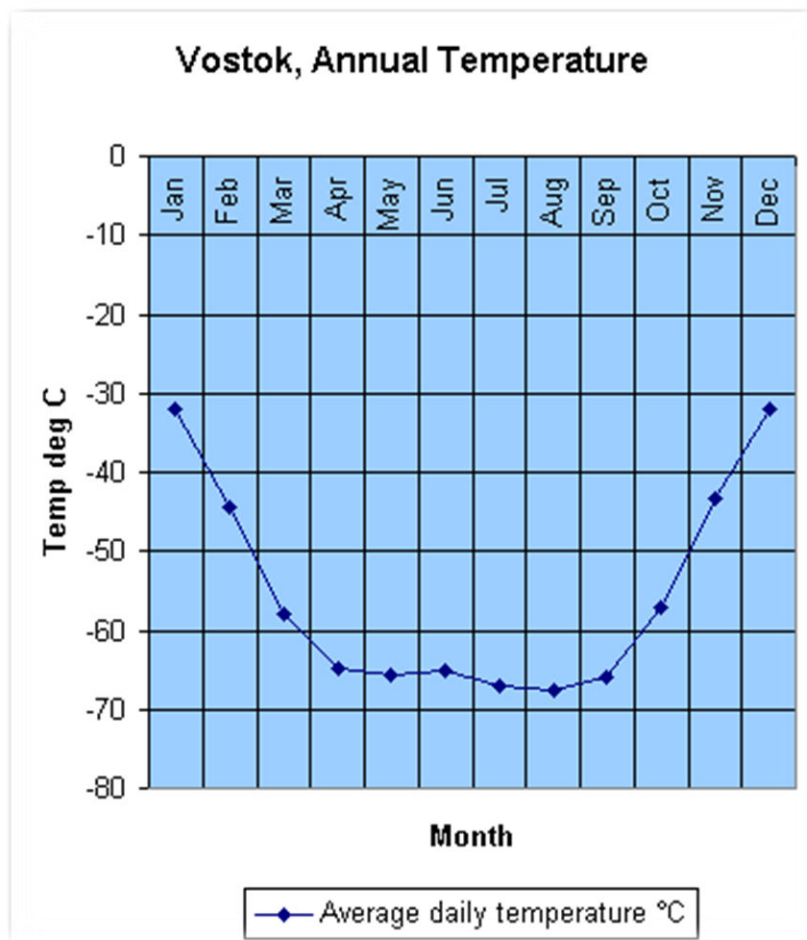


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## The Climate of the Antarctic

Read the quotes from the diaries of researchers and scientists at Rothera research station in Antarctica and try to match up their statements with the correct month of the year using the climate data graph.



It's the shortest and darkest day of the year. Tonight, the twenty of us still here are going to celebrate the winter solstice with a big party. Skiing on the sea ice has been fun too - it is the closest thing to walking on water! \_\_\_\_\_

There may be no trees here for leaves to fall off, but it's getting colder and we are one step closer to winter. Those leaving soon are talking about the things they are going to do when they get home - have a pint of draught Guinness or go on holiday to a very hot, sunny place! \_\_\_\_\_

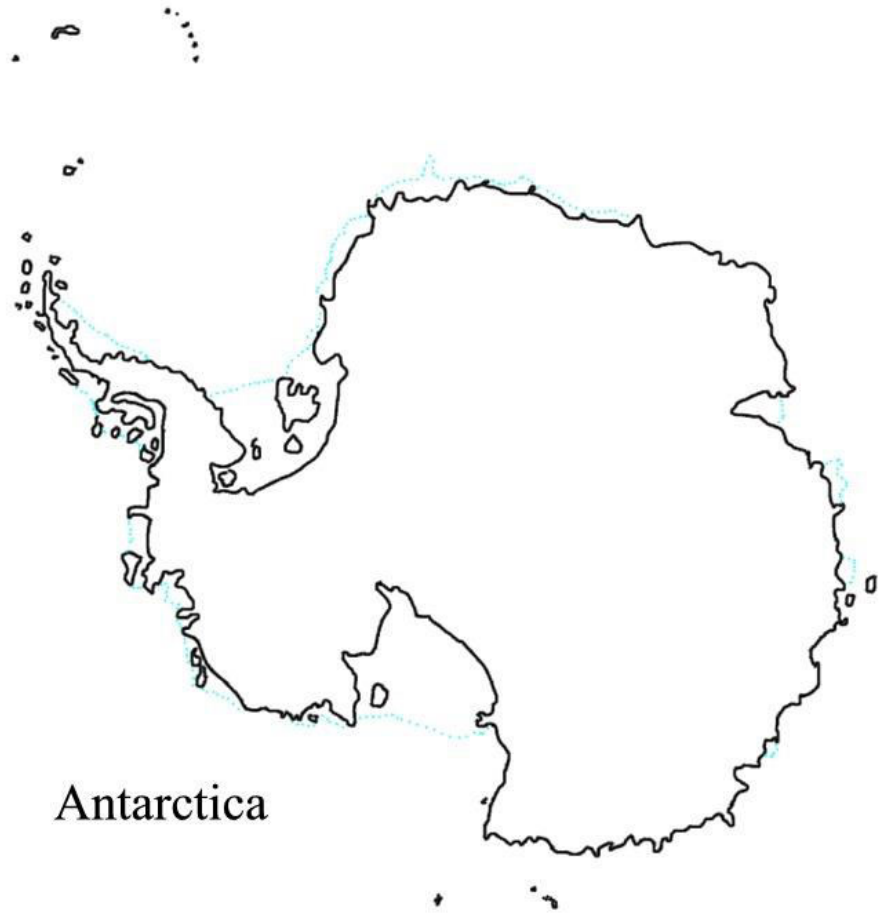
Days are now shorter, temperatures lower, snowfall heavier and most of the wildlife has bid us farewell for warmer climes. \_\_\_\_\_

The solar panels and weather stations outside bang and clatter in the severe gales, so I haven't got much sleep lately. Diving beneath the ice is one way to escape the wind, but once we're back on the surface it doesn't take long for the bitter cold to freeze moulding our dry suits to our bodies. \_\_\_\_\_

The weather is superb. Just imagine being here, sitting on the veranda, sun tan lotion and sunglasses on, watching seal pups playing together - how lucky are we! \_\_\_\_\_



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