

Welcome to the Alpine Biome

Read all about the alpine biome. Check your knowledge by matching the sentence starter from column A with the correct ending from column B.



About the Alpine Biome:

The alpine biome is found in mountainous regions worldwide, including the Andes, Alps, and Rocky Mountains. The alpine biome is usually dry, since it gets only about 12 inches of rain each year. Temperatures range from 40 to 60°F but can be below freezing in the winter. Alpine plants and animals have adapted to stay low to the ground in this biome. It is a tough place for plants to live since the soil is sandy and rocky. Most plants are groundcovers, grasses, small-leafed shrubs, and dwarf trees. Common animals include mountain goats, sheep, elk, beetles, grasshoppers, and butterflies.

A

1. It is so windy in the alpine biome that most plants are
2. Most alpine plants are adapted to grow in
3. Alpine animals adapt to the cold by
4. Animals in the alpine biome have shorter legs, tails, and ears in order to
5. Alpine animals have larger lungs and more blood cells so they can

B

1. hibernating, migrating to warmer areas, or insulating their bodies with fur or fat.
2. small groundcover plants.
3. breathe the air since it has less oxygen.
4. sandy rock and soil.
5. stay warmer.