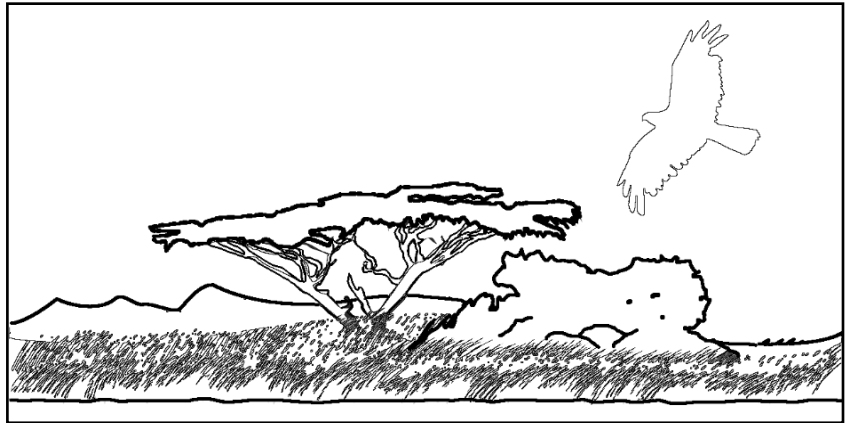


Grasslands

What is a Grassland?

Grasslands are large, open areas which are covered almost entirely by grass. They are very flat areas and are usually found between deserts and forests.



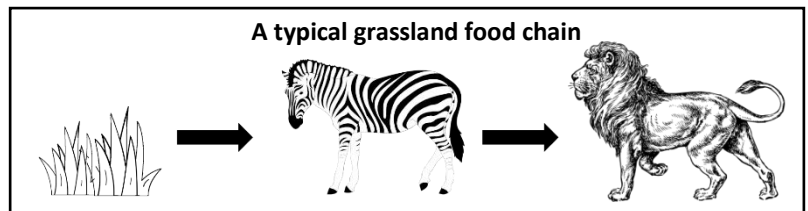
Climate

Grasslands can be very cold in winters and very hot in summers.

They are dry regions, with more rain than deserts but not enough to support forests.

Fauna

Grasslands are home to many grazing animals such as zebras and bison. This is because of the large amount of grass in these areas. Large predators such as lions and cheetahs also live in grasslands. They feed on the grazing animals.



Many grassland animals are very fast. Owls and many other large birds also live in grasslands. They hunt the many fast rodent animals that scurry around. Many grassland animals also have paws that allow them to dig burrows easily. This is because grasslands don't have many areas for animals to shelter from the weather or to hide from predators. Some animals, such as the prairie dog, dig underground tunnel systems for protection.



A baobab tree

Flora

Most of the plant life that grows in grasslands is grass. The type of grass depends on the type of grassland. Some trees and shrubs do grow in grasslands. These trees have special features that allow them to live in areas with little rain. Acacia trees and baobab trees are two examples of trees that are found in grassland environments.