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One room is like the mountains. This room is cool. Plants that live here need cool temperatures.



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Let's walk through the building. Each room looks and feels different. It shows a different part of the world. What kinds of plants live there?



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Animals have to live in certain places, too. Can you name some animals that live in cold places? How about hot places? Where could you go to learn more about animals and the places they live?

Let's visit Franklin Park in Columbus, Ohio. You can see lots of plants there. Some of the plants grow in Ohio. Some plants are from other parts of the world. You can see them in a special building.

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What do you do when it's hot outside? Do you wear shorts and T-shirts? Eat cold popsicles? Ask your parents to turn on a fan?



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The next room is like the rainforest. This room is hot and humid! Huge plants grow here. They need warm temperatures and lots of rain.

Bundled up. Photo courtesy of Andrew Eick, Flickr.



What do you do when it's cold outside? Do you put on a sweater? Crawl under the blankets in your bed? Ask your parents to turn up the heat?

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Franklin Park Conservatory. A conservatory is a building in which plants are grown. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Resource Center.

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Giant ferns and palm trees grow in the last room. It is warm and humid here. The plants that grow here need a lot of water.

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People live in cold places. They make their houses warm. They wear warm clothes. People live in hot places. They make their houses cool. They wear light clothes. People can live almost anywhere!

Plants and animals can't do many of these things. They can only live in certain types of places. They need to live in a place that is just right for them.



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