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## Spain's Climates

**Directions:** Read the passage about Spain's climate zones. Then answer the questions that follow using complete sentences.

### Climate Zones Across Spain

Spain's geography creates three major climate zones that shape how people live, work, and travel. Along the eastern and southern coasts, the **Mediterranean climate** brings hot, dry summers and mild winters. Cities such as Barcelona and Valencia enjoy many sunny days each year, which encourages outdoor markets, beach tourism, and farming of olives and oranges.

In the northern region near the Atlantic Ocean, the **oceanic climate** brings cooler temperatures and frequent rainfall. Places like Galicia and the Basque Country are known for green landscapes, forests, and seafood dishes. The steady rain supports dairy farms and crops that grow well in moist soil. Daily life here often includes raincoats, umbrellas, and indoor traditions such as cooking and music gatherings.

The southeastern areas of Spain experience a **semi-arid climate**, which has very little rainfall and long, hot summers. Regions like Murcia and parts of Andalusia have dry plains where farming is more challenging. Many towns depend on irrigation systems to bring water to crops. The weather also affects housing styles, with buildings often designed to stay cool during hot months.

These climate zones help explain why lifestyles across Spain can be different. From farming choices to clothing and daily activities, the climate influences how people adapt to their surroundings.

1. What type of climate is found along Spain's eastern and southern coasts?
2. Name one city that experiences a Mediterranean climate.
3. What is one reason the northern region of Spain is very green?
4. Which climate zone brings cooler temperatures and frequent rainfall?
5. How does rainfall affect life in the oceanic climate region?
6. Which areas of Spain have a semi-arid climate?
7. Why is farming more difficult in the semi-arid climate?
8. What is one way people adapt their buildings in semi-arid regions?
9. How does the Mediterranean climate affect tourism?
10. In your own words, explain how climate can change daily life in different parts of Spain.