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Continentality and oceanity! Next to latitude and height above sea level, the relative position of a place to the oceans is most important in determining its climate. If a hemisphere were all land, then its climate would be purely continental; that is, it would have 100% continentality: if in a water hemisphere, like a very small island, its climate would have 100% oceanity. It is possible to indicate by figures the amounts of continentality or oceanity the climate of any place may have. Places like Omaha or Winnipeg having a yearly range of 70 degrees may have 95% continentality, while those near an ocean like Colon, Panama, with a range of only 1.6 degrees may have 100% oceanity.

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