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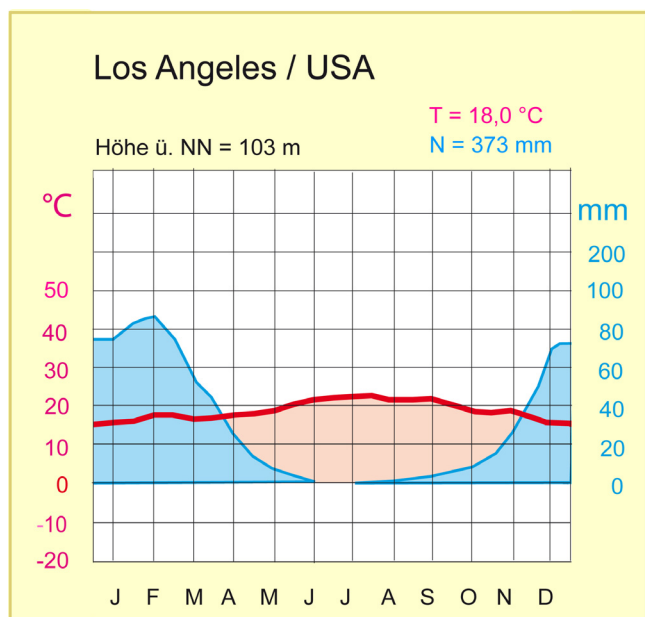
California – Fruit Basket and High-Tech Location

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1. Name the three major natural landscapes in California. Write them under the pictures above.
2. The Californian area is very active geologically, often earthquakes occur.
 - a) Name the major geological fault line that runs parallel to the California coastline.

- b) Briefly explain how this fault line works.



3. Characterize the climate of Southern California using this diagram of the climate of Los Angeles.

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Large parts of California are in the **Sun Belt**. It is characterized by its favourable climate, its industry and is located south of the 37th parallel in the US. But the Sun Belt is not a purely industrial zone. Especially in California industries focus more like burning lenses on small locations, making the term Sun Spots more appropriate.

“The economy in the Sun Belt is supported by six pillars; high-tech (electronics, space technology), agriculture, defense industry, petrochemical (oil) industry as well as real estate and leisure.”

(Julia May: Das Belt-Konzept in den USA. Nach: <http://www.live-is-live.com/GL/xDJDS/pages/gkek/Beltkonzept.html>)

3. Examine if these pillars are also characteristic for the Sun Belt in California using the information given in the film “USA: From the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean”

4. California is also known as the „Fruit Basket of the U.S.“. Why?

5. California covers about 4 percent of the area of the U.S., but over 12 percent of the country’s population lives here. About 43 percent of the population does not speak English as their native language. The US Census Bureau predicts a population growth of 12 million people until 2030.

- a) Where are most of the migrants in California from?

- b) Explain the factors that attract people to move to California.
