

Exploring the Polar Regions

Learning objective: To understand the key physical and human characteristics of the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to help you describe the North and South Poles. Terms are grouped by Physical Geography, Climate, and Wildlife.

Arctic The region surrounding the North Pole...	Antarctic The region surrounding the South...	Glacier A slow-moving river of ice formed by...
Ice Sheet A massive glacier that covers a la...	Permafrost Ground that remains completely ...	Tundra A vast, treeless Arctic region where ...
Iceberg A huge piece of freshwater ice that ...	Climate The average weather conditions in a...	Precipitation Water that falls from clouds as ...
Freezing Point The temperature at which a l...	Polar Night A time in winter when the sun d...	Midnight Sun A time in summer when the s...
Adaptation A special feature or behavior tha...	Blubber A thick layer of fat under the skin th...	Migration When animals move from one pla...
Biodiversity The variety of different types of...	What is the main ...	Explain why 'blu...
If a scientist is st...	Describe what ha...	Using the word b...