

Finn's Polar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify the physical features of polar regions and understand how animals adapt to cold environments.

Finn the dolphin has travelled far north to the Arctic. Help him explore the icy world by answering the questions below.

Finn the dolphin is visiting the very top of the world. He sees huge mountains made of ice and lots of sparkling white snow. It is very cold here, but Finn knows that some animals have thick fur to keep them warm. He has to look carefully to find them because they blend in with the snowy ground.

Word bank: ice · snow · cold · freezing · white · glacier

1. What does the ground look like in the polar regions? Use a word from the word bank. (2 marks)

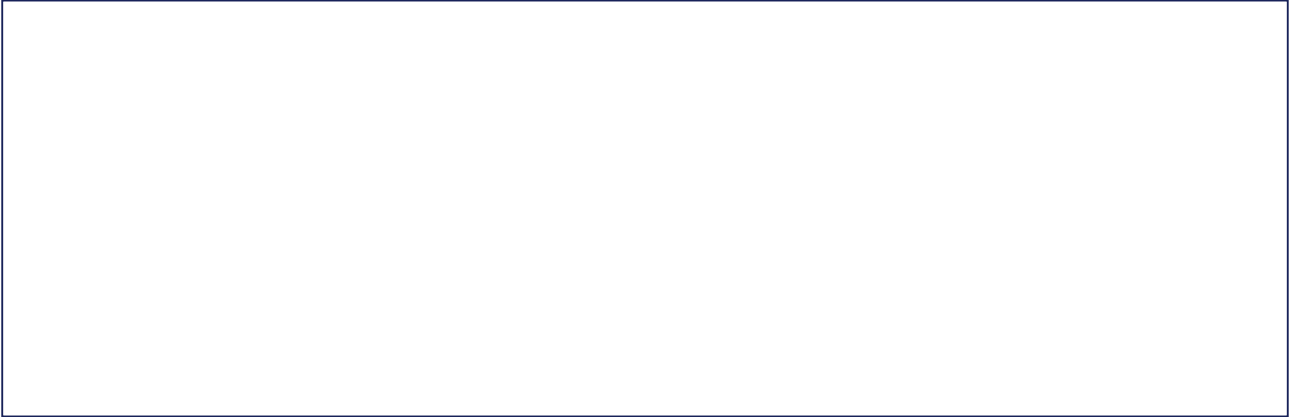
2. Finn feels very cold. Why do you think animals in this place need thick fur or blubber? (2 marks)

3. If you were going to the Arctic, would you wear a sun hat or a thick winter coat? Why? (2 marks)

4. Look at the word bank. Which word describes how the temperature feels in the polar regions? (2 marks)

5. Finn sees a big piece of floating ice. Can you draw a line to match 'Ice' to the correct description: 'Hot' or 'Cold'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of what Finn the dolphin sees in the Arctic. Remember to include lots of snow, ice, and maybe an animal that has thick fur to stay warm.

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of the Arctic scene from Finn the dolphin's perspective.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer packing a bag for the Arctic. If you had £5, would you spend it on a pair of sunglasses or a pair of thick, woolly gloves? Explain your choice to your partner.