

Finn's Polar Adventure: Sorting the Snow

Learning objective: To identify and describe the features of polar regions and understand the differences between the Arctic and the Antarctic.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming through the icy cold oceans! He has found some items that belong in the polar regions and some that do not. Look at the list below and draw a circle around the items that you would find in the snowy, freezing cold Polar Regions. Put a cross through the items you would find somewhere warm, like a beach in the summer.

Word bank: Iceberg · Penguin · Polar Bear · Palm Tree · Snowy Owl · Sandcastle · Glacier · Sun Hat

1. Finn saw an iceberg. Is an iceberg made of hot sand or cold ice? (2 marks)

2. Polar bears live in the Arctic. Do they need a thick, warm coat of fur to stay cosy? (2 marks)

3. If you were packing a bag to visit the South Pole, would you pack a swimsuit or a thick, woolly sweater? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think plants find it hard to grow in the very cold polar snow? (2 marks)

5. If a polar explorer bought a warm soup for £3 and a hot drink for £1, how much did they spend in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of what you think the home of a polar animal looks like. Don't forget to include lots of white snow and blue ice!



Extension challenge: Talk to a friend about why the polar regions are so cold. Can you think of one way the animals there stay warm?