

Finn's Polar Adventure

Learning objective: To understand the features and climate of the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

Read the story below carefully. Look at the word bank if you need help with tricky words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Finn the dolphin loves to swim in the cold, blue oceans. Today, Finn is exploring the Earth's polar regions. He visits the Arctic at the top of the world. It is very cold there. The land is covered in thick ice and snow. Finn sees a large glacier sliding into the sea. He knows that many animals, like polar bears, live in this frozen habitat.

Next, Finn travels a long way south to the Antarctic. This is the bottom of the world. It is even colder than the Arctic! There are no trees or bushes here because the ground is frozen solid all year round. Huge mountains made of ice rise up from the water. Finn spots some penguins diving into the deep, chilly waves. Even though these places are freezing, they are full of life. Finn thinks it is amazing how animals survive in such a harsh climate. He reminds us that we must look after our planet so these beautiful, icy homes stay safe for all the creatures that live there.

Word bank: Arctic: The North Pole region · Antarctic: The South Pole region · Climate: The usual weather · Glacier: A large sheet of ice · Habitat: Where an animal lives

1. Where is the Arctic located? (2 marks)

2. Name one animal that Finn sees in the Antarctic. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think there are no trees in the Antarctic? (2 marks)

4. How does the climate in the Antarctic compare to the Arctic? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it would be fun to live in a polar region? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Finn the dolphin swimming near a large, icy glacier in the sea. Add a penguin or a polar bear to your drawing.



Extension challenge: Finn wants to learn more! Find out one interesting fact about an animal that lives in the polar regions and share it with a partner.