

Geography Key Learning

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Important Facts

Only 12% of earth is covered by snow and ice permanently

The Arctic consists of the Arctic Ocean and parts of Canada, Russia, the USA, Greenland, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Iceland.

About 4 million people live in the arctic circle but there are no permanent residents in Antarctica

The Ice from the arctic contains 10% of the earths fresh water

These regions can see temperatures as low as -70°C

Most of Antarctica is covered in ice 1.6km thick

Vocabulary / Key Terms

Tropics	The tropics are the parts of the world that lie between two lines of latitude, the Tropic of Cancer
Polar Regions	The areas on earth that surround the poles
Tundra	A large flat arctic region with no trees
Arctic and Antarctic Circles	Circles of latitude that go around the earth that contain the Arctic or antarctic regions
Ice Cap	A large expanse of ice
Global Warming	A gradual increase of the earths temperature because of the greenhouse effect

Useful websites: [10 facts about the Arctic | National Geographic Kids](#)
([natgeokids.com](#))

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