

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

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| 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 be- |

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

[Mapping the world - BBC Bitesize](#)