

Cold Places

Lots of places on Earth get cold. The coldest places are the North and South Pole. The North Pole is at the top of the Earth. The South Pole is at the bottom of the Earth.

Arctic

The Arctic is at the top of the world. It's where the North Pole is. The Arctic is an ocean. It's surrounded by land. The ocean has a big area of sea ice and the ice is very thick. It is thick enough to stand on. No one lives on the sea ice. People who live in the Arctic live on the land. The land in the Arctic is around the Arctic Ocean.

It is very cold all the time in the Arctic. It is too cold to rain. The Arctic has lots of snow and ice. Only small plants can grow on the land and there are no trees in the Arctic. It is too cold and dry for them to grow.

R: Where is the Arctic?

Antarctic

The Antarctic is at the bottom of the world. It's where the South Pole is. The land here is covered by thick ice and snow. It's cold all year. Even in summer. It is the coldest place on Earth.

Nobody lives in the Antarctic. It's too cold! Some people visit. Scientists stay to do research. But nobody lives there all the time. There aren't even many animals that can live there. Only penguins, seals, whales and birds.

R: Where is the Antarctic?



E: Why does nobody live in the Antarctic?

Coldest Places in Britain

The coldest places in Britain are in Scotland. Scotland is the most Northern part of Britain. It is the closest part to the North Pole. The coldest temperature recorded there was -27.2°C .

S: Where is the coldest place on Earth?

R: Where is the coldest place in Britain?

I: Can you think of some ways to keep warm?