

3 Write a word from the box in each gap.
If no article is necessary, put a dash (-).

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The Strange Northern Lights

If you find yourself in (1) _____
Norway or other northern places at
night, you might be lucky enough to see
the aurora borealis, or northern lights.
Seeing (2) _____ lights is an amazing
experience. Sometimes they look like
(3) _____ band of green colour
across (4) _____ sky, and at other
times they look like (5) _____
curtains of purple, red and green.

What causes them? Energy from
(6) _____ sun stirs up atoms high
up in (7) _____ atmosphere. The
Earth is like (8) _____ large magnet
and it traps (9) _____ atoms. These
atoms then release their energy, and this
produces light. Exactly (10) _____
same thing happens in the far south,
where (11) _____ lights are known
as (12) _____ aurora australis.