

3 Write a word from the box in each gap.
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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.