

Lesson 2: The polar regions



Activity 3 Reading

Read the text and check your answers to the quiz.

We are doing a really interesting project at school. It's about the polar regions. There are two polar regions. One is at the very top of the Earth, called the Arctic. The other is at the bottom of the Earth, called Antarctica. There are only two seasons in the polar regions, summer and winter. The winter is extremely cold! In the Arctic sometimes, the temperature is -50°C . But in Antarctica, the coldest temperature was -89°C !

About 4 million people live in the Arctic, and there are polar bears, seals, and whales. Antarctica is a bit different. It is really a desert because it never rains or snows there. But there is a volcano there, and it is about 1.3 million years old. That's very old!



Quiz!

1 Where are the polar regions?

- a At the top and bottom of the Earth
- b In Asia
- c Only in Antarctica

2 How many seasons are there in the polar regions?

- a 3
- b 2
- c 4

3 How cold is the Arctic?

- a -20°C
- b -10°C
- c -50°C

4 What was the coldest temperature in Antarctica?

- a -89°C
- b -18°C
- c -98°C