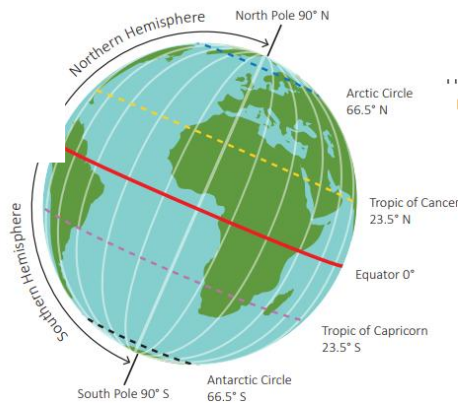


desert	barren area of landscape where little precipitation occurs.	precipitation	rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to or condenses on the ground.	polar season	in summer at the poles, the sun does not set, and in winter the sun does not rise.
continent	any of several large landmasses.	Arctic Circle	The Arctic Circle is one of the two polar circles	Earth's orbit	the path the earth follows as it moves around the Sun
equator	a line 'drawn' on the earth equidistant from the poles, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres	tundra	a vast, flat, treeless Arctic region of Europe, Asia, and North America. The subsoil is permanently frozen.	evolution	the process by which different kinds of living organism are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the earth.
vegetation	plants considered collectively, especially those found in a particular area or habitat.	ice sheet	a layer of ice covering an extensive area of land for a long period of time.	permafrost	a thick subsurface layer of soil that remains below freezing point throughout the year, occurring chiefly in polar regions.
indigenous	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.	polar region	regions of the planet that surround its geographical poles, lying within the polar circles.	adaptation	the process of change by which an organism or species becomes better suited to its environment.
immigrant	a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.	Nenets	indigenous people from Siberia (northern Russia).	Svalbard	Norwegian archipelago between mainland Norway and the North Pole



Polar bears live in the Arctic; penguins live on Antarctica. They will never meet in the wild!



The Earth has two polar regions: the Arctic in the north and the Antarctic in the south. The Arctic is north of the Arctic circle (66.5° North) - the Antarctic is south of the Antarctic circle (66.5° South). The Arctic has areas of tundra, where the ground stays frozen most of the year.



Svalbard is a Norwegian archipelago between Norway and the North Pole. It is in the Arctic Circle. The North Pole receives 24 hours of daylight in the summer months and 24 hours of darkness in the winter months!

