

The Poles



The point at each end of the Earth is called a “pole”. You may have heard of the North Pole and the South Pole. The North Pole is in an area called the Arctic. The South Pole is in Antarctica. Adventurers use a compass to point to the North Pole. That helps them to work out where to go.

Both the Arctic and Antarctica are very cold. In the summer, the North Pole only gets as warm as your freezer! Antarctica is still -28°C ! That’s a lot colder than freezing! In the winter, they are even colder. Antarctica can drop to -60°C ! If you weren’t wearing thick clothes, you wouldn’t be able to survive for more than a few minutes at that temperature!

It very rarely rains in Antarctica. That means that it is technically a very cold desert.



FOCUS ON - WORD

1 Tick two suffixes that can be added to the word few.

- ed
- ing
- er
- est

3 Circle the suffix that can be added to the word cold to make a new word.

SUFFIX

cold +

ful

ness

ment

FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

1 Circle the adverb.

It rarely rains in Antarctica.

2 Which word is the adjective and which word is the noun?
Write **one** answer in each box.



You need to wear thick clothes in Antarctica.



CHALLENGE

3 Write the word that joins the two sentences together.

Adventurers use a compass _____ it helps them to work out where to go.

but

because

or

FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Which sentence is correct?
Tick **one**.

- Adventurers use compasses.
- Adventurers uses compasses.
- Adventurers user compasses.

2 Are the sentences below written in the present tense or the past tense?
Tick **one** box in each row.

sentence	present tense	past tense
The South Pole is in Antarctica.		
The Arctic and Antarctica are very cold.		
They wore thick clothes.		

CHALLENGE

3 Which word completes the sentence below?
Tick **one**.

Compasses _____ helped adventurers work out where to go.

- has
- have
- are

FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 What's the name of the punctuation mark that the arrow is pointing to?



Antarctica can drop to -60°C !

2 Remove the apostrophe and change the one word into two words.

Write your answers in the boxes.

If you weren't wearing thick clothes, you wouldn't be able to survive for very long.

3 Tick the sentence that uses the commas correctly.

- A compass shows which direction is north, south, east and west.
- A compass shows which direction, is north, south east and west.
- A compass shows, which direction is north south east and west.

Answers - The Poles

WORD

1. 3rd option – er
4th option – est
2. summer + time = summertime
rain + drop = raindrop
flag + pole = flagpole
3. cold + ness = coldness

SENTENCE

1. It **rarely** rains in Antarctica.
2. thick = adjective
clothes = noun

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

Adventurers use a compass because it helps them to work out where to go.

TEXT

1. 2nd option – Adventurers use compasses.
2. The South Pole is in Antarctica. = present tense
The Arctic and Antarctica are very cold. = present tense
They wore thick clothes. = past tense

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

2nd option – have

PUNCTUATION

1. an exclamation mark
2. If you were not wearing thick clothes, you would not be able to survive for very long.
3. 1st option – A compass shows which direction is north, south, east and west.