

# The North and South Poles

## Amazing Fact

If you are standing at the North Pole, any direction you choose to walk in will be South!

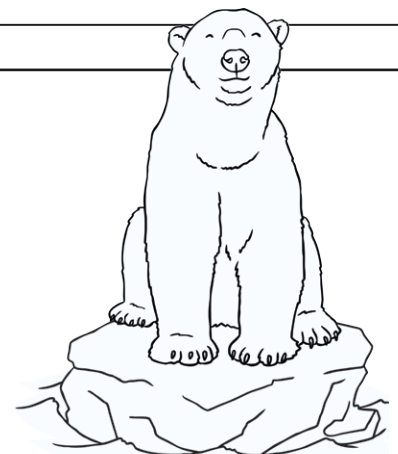
## Challenge

Find out how the North and South Poles are similar and different by using the Internet or non-fiction books to complete the table below.

	North Pole	South Pole
Geography		
Climate		
Average Temperature		
Population		
Animals		
Weather		

You could also try to find out:

- what the difference is between the Geographic North Pole and the Magnetic North Pole;
- what the 'Bear Hunter Puzzle' is;
- the routes which North Pole trekkers use;
- some differences between the North Pole and the South Pole.



# The North and South Poles **Answers**

	<b>North Pole</b>	<b>South Pole</b>
Geography	Ocean surrounded by land. No land, just a thick layer of ice around 2-3m thick.	Land surrounded by ocean. A barren, icy, wind-swept plateau, 2835m above sea level.
Climate	During the winter (September- March) the North Pole receives no sunlight at all. In the summer (March-September) the Sun is continuously above the horizon.	During the winter (March-September) the South Pole receives no sunlight at all. In the summer (September- March) the Sun is continuously above the horizon.
Average Temperature	Summer 32 °F (0°C)	Summer -18°F (-28°C) Winter -76°F (-60°C)
Population	0 (2016)	135 (2016)
Animals	whales, seals, walrus, musk, deer, reindeer, polar bear, gulls	penguins, whales, albatross, seal
Weather	The North Pole is much warmer than the South Pole.	The South Pole has a desert climate, almost never receiving any rain. High winds are common and air humidity is near zero making it very dry.