

The Canadian Arctic

Canada is a very, very large country. In fact, almost 15 Frances could fit inside of Canada. Because the country is so big, there are many differences between regions in Canada. One very important region covers the whole north of Canada, and it is called the Arctic.



Everyone knows that Canada can be a very cold place. This is especially true in the Arctic. Some of the arctic is called tundra. This is a place where the soil just below the surface is permanently frozen. That means that trees can't grow there.

The arctic is home to many animals. Seals, penguins, walrus, reindeer, and polar bears all have unique tools to help them live in such a cold place. Seals have a lot of fat to keep them warm in the water and reindeer have special fur to block out the wind and cold.



Icebergs are another important feature of the Canadian Arctic. An iceberg is a big piece of ice floating in the ocean. One problem facing Canada and the world is climate change. In the Arctic, the ice, icebergs and permafrost are melting and as a result the people and animals that live there are in trouble.

Pollution has caused the temperature of the Earth to slowly rise and this is causing the climate to change in many different ways. In the Canadian arctic, animals are losing their homes because the ice that they live on is melting away. The people that live in the Arctic depend on this same ice to access the food that they fish and hunt. Now that their environment is melting, so is their access to food. Sadly, if the world can't find a way to stop climate change, places like the Canadian Arctic will soon disappear.

