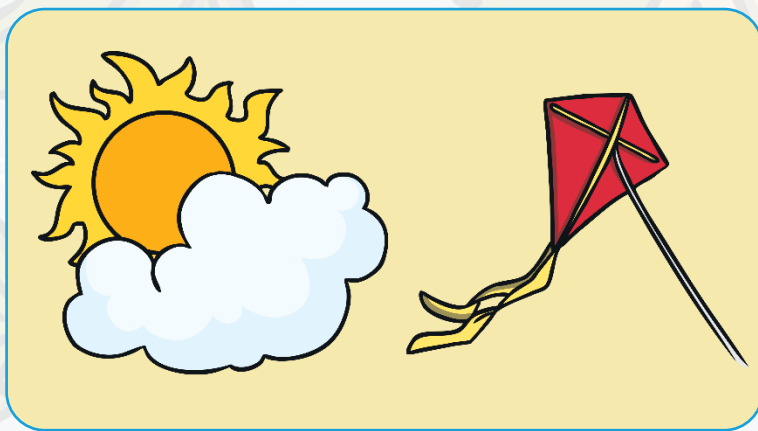


All About Hot and Cold Countries



Weather

In most countries, there is lots of different weather. In the summer, it might be hot and sunny. In the winter, it might be cold and snowy.



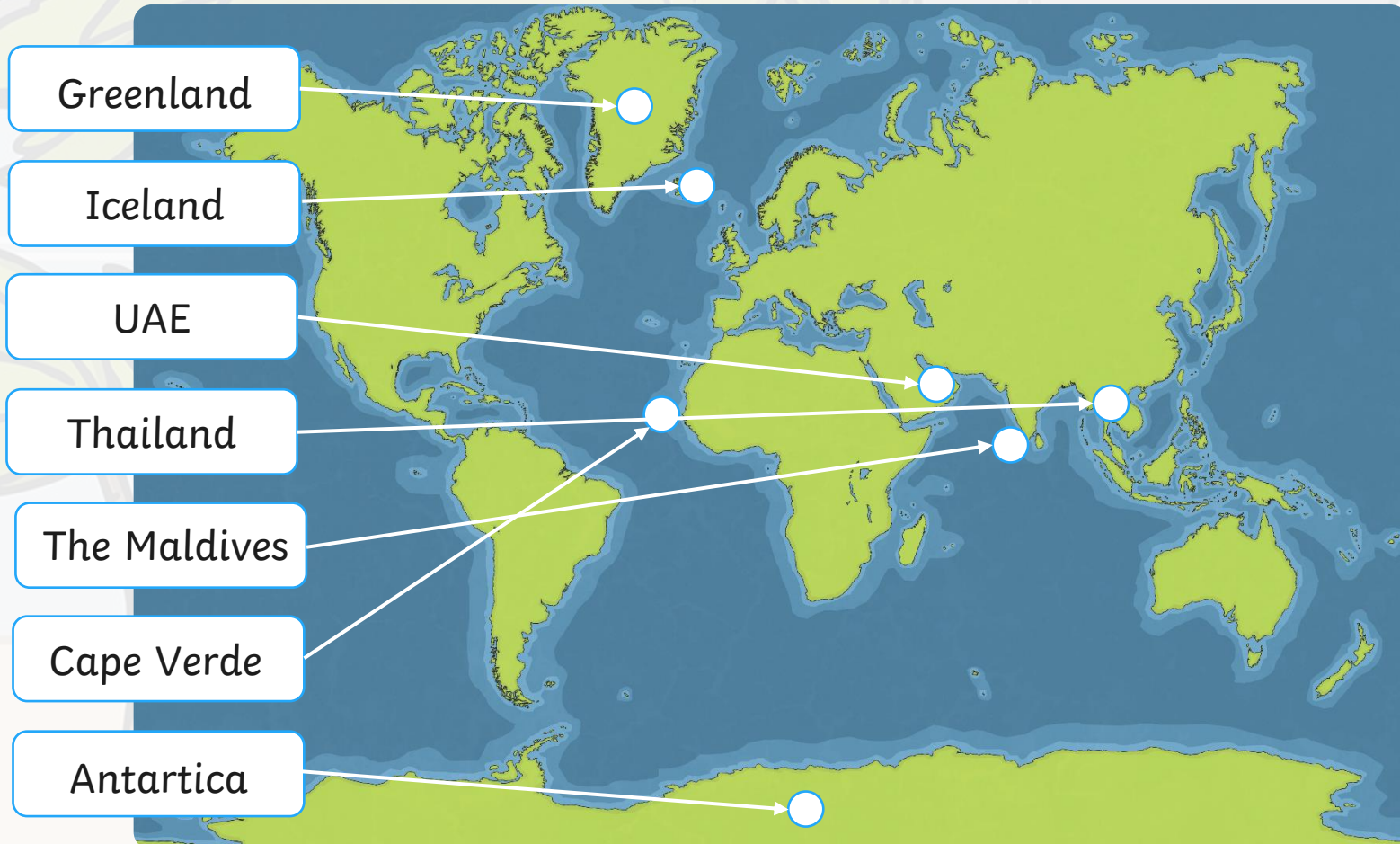
Talk About It

What is your favourite kind of weather?

However, in some countries, the weather doesn't change very much; it is either nearly always hot or nearly always cold.

Where in the World?

Click on the map to find out more about each place.



The United Arab Emirates



The United Arab Emirates (often known as the UAE) is a country in Asia.

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The weather in the United Arab Emirates is hot and dry. In the UAE, the hottest season is summer. Summer is in June, July, August and September. Temperatures often go higher than 40°C – that is nearly twice as hot as an average summer day in the United Kingdom. At times during the summer, it is too hot to go outside! Even breathing the air can be painful because it is so hot. People stay inside during the day as much as possible. Buildings have [air conditioning](#) to keep everyone cool.



Dubai, UAE

The Maldives

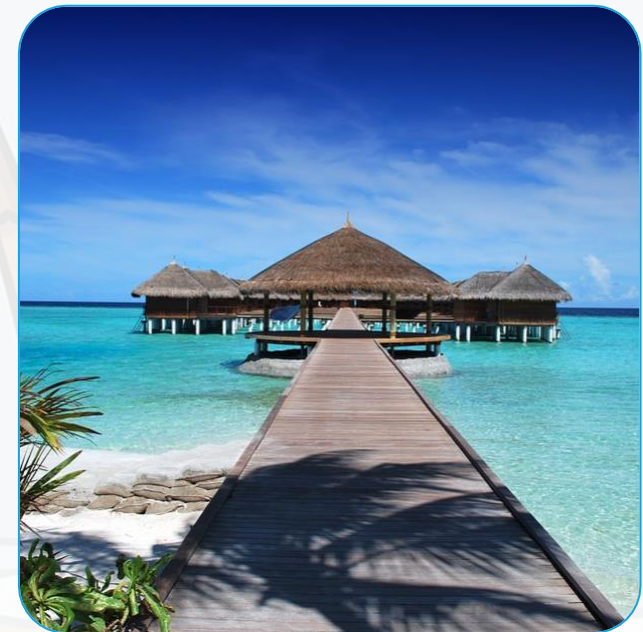


The Maldives are a group of islands in the Indian Ocean and are known for how beautiful they are. It is a popular place to go on holiday.

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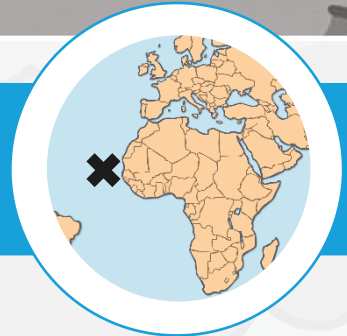
The Maldives have a [tropical climate](#). They have two [monsoon](#) seasons; the southwest monsoon from April to September and the northeast monsoon from October to December.

Temperatures in the Maldives are fairly similar all year round, which is 25°C to 30°C.



The Maldives

Cabo Verde



Cape Verde is a group of volcanic islands in the Atlantic Ocean.

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Cabo Verde is hot and sunny all year round. Temperatures range from around 25°C to around 30°C. Breezes from the Atlantic Ocean mean it doesn't feel unpleasantly hot. August to October is the rainy season, with September being the wettest month.



Cabo Verde

Thailand



Thailand's full name is the Kingdom of Thailand. It is in southeast Asia. Its capital city, Bangkok, is popular with tourists, as are its beautiful beaches.

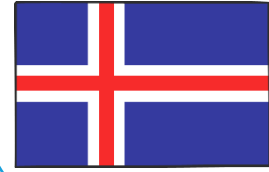
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Thailand has a [tropical climate](#) and has three different seasons; a hot season (March to May), a rainy season (May to October) and a dry season (November to February). The temperature is usually around 27°C to 30°C.



Chiang Mai, Thailand

Iceland



Iceland is an island near the Arctic circle, in the North Atlantic Ocean. It has the smallest [population](#) in Europe.

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The climate of Iceland is [subarctic](#). In winter, the temperature in Iceland goes from 0°C to -10°C. Water turns to ice at 0°C, so you can imagine how cold it is in an Icelandic winter! In summer, the temperatures are usually 10°C to 15°C, although Iceland sometimes has much warmer summers.

In winter, there are usually only five hours of daylight in Iceland, yet in the summer there are only three hours of darkness!



The Aurora Borealis (also called the Northern Lights) can be seen in Iceland.

Greenland



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Greenland is an island in between the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. It is the world's largest island. Although it is in North America, it is a Danish territory. All of the towns in Greenland are around the [coast](#), as lots of the middle section of the island is covered in ice.

Greenland has an [arctic climate](#). It is one of the coldest countries in the world; the temperature is often only around 0°C. Even in the summer months, the temperature tends to only get to around 10°C. During the summer months, the sun never fully goes down in Greenland – this is known as the midnight sun.



Greenland

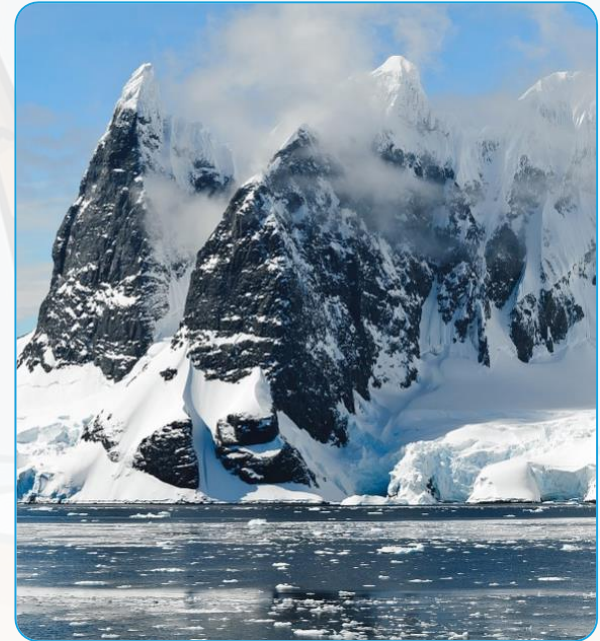
Antarctica



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Antarctica is the most southern [continent](#); it is sometimes known as the South Pole. It is the driest and coldest continent in the world. Nearly all of Antarctica is covered in ice. The coldest temperature on Earth ever recorded was in Antarctica, it was -89.2°C !

Because Antarctica is so cold, there are no towns or cities. Scientists live there for short times to do experiments, but no one could live there all the time. Animals such as penguins and seals live in the Antarctic.



Antarctica

Glossary

air conditioning – A system which is used to pump cold air around buildings to keep them cool in hot weather.

tropical climate – Weather that is warm or hot all year around, with plenty of rain.

monsoon – A change in the direction of the wind that changes the weather.

volcanic islands – Islands that were formed a long time ago when a volcano erupted.

tropical climate – Weather that is warm or hot all year around, with plenty of rain.

population – The number of people who live in a country.

Glossary

subarctic – When weather conditions cause a long, cold winter and short, mild to cool summer.

coast – An area of land near to the sea.

arctic climate – When weather conditions cause a long, cold winter and short, cool summer.

continent – A very large area of land. There are seven continents on Earth in total.



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