



Fun Facts - The Arctic

- Native to the Arctic are Inuit, which means “the people”
- Inuit people speak three different languages: Inupik speakers in Greenland and Canada, Inupiaq speakers in northern Alaska to the Seward Peninsula, and Yupik speakers in southwestern Alaska and Siberia
- Current census data list 40,000 Inuit in Alaska; 30,000 in Canada; 40,000 in Greenland; and approximately 1,000 in Siberia
- The ancestors of present-day Inuit probably traveled from Eurasia eastwards across northern Canada to Greenland.
- The Arctic is the most northern part of the planet. It’s home to the north pole!
- The Arctic is almost entirely a thick piece of ice floating on the ocean.
- Greenland is part of the Arctic, but it isn’t very green. It’s covered by ice. Viking settlers only named it Greenland to attract visitors!
- The Arctic is the only place polar bears live.
- The average winter temperature is -30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Some environmental issues facing the Arctic are overfishing and melting ice from global warming, which means loss of habitat for polar bears and other animals.