

Geography

Extreme Environments

Year 5



Key Vocabulary

Key Knowledge and facts

WORD	DEFINITION
Extreme environment	Places where human survival is difficult or impossible.
Climate	An area's long-term weather patterns (e.g. the average temperature in different seasons, rainfall, and sunshine.)
Biomes	Areas of the planet with similar characteristics, including climates, landscapes, animals and plants.
Topography	The physical features of an area of land.
Inhabitable	A place that can sustain life for a significant period.
Mountain	Mountains are high areas, rising more than 600 metres from the surrounding land.
Altitude	How high a place is above sea level. The higher the altitude, the colder it gets because the air is thinner.
Desert	A desert is a place that gets hardly any rainfall; deserts are incredibly dry environments.
Space	The area directly outside the Earth's atmosphere.
Cave	A cave is a natural hollow space under the ground that has an opening large enough for a person to enter. Caves range in size from tiny passages to huge systems of connected "rooms" and tunnels.

