



A Very Scandinavian Weather Forecast

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Explore what kind of weather the Scandinavian countries experience and to see how it effects the people who live there

Can you remember
where Scandinavia is
located in the world?
Think, Pair, Share!



Where do you think Scandinavia is on this map?





Can you remember
what countries make
up Scandinavia?
Think, Pair, Share!





Norway



Sweden



Denmark

What about the
capital cities of each
country?

Think, Pair, Share!





Oslo



Stockholm



Copenhagen

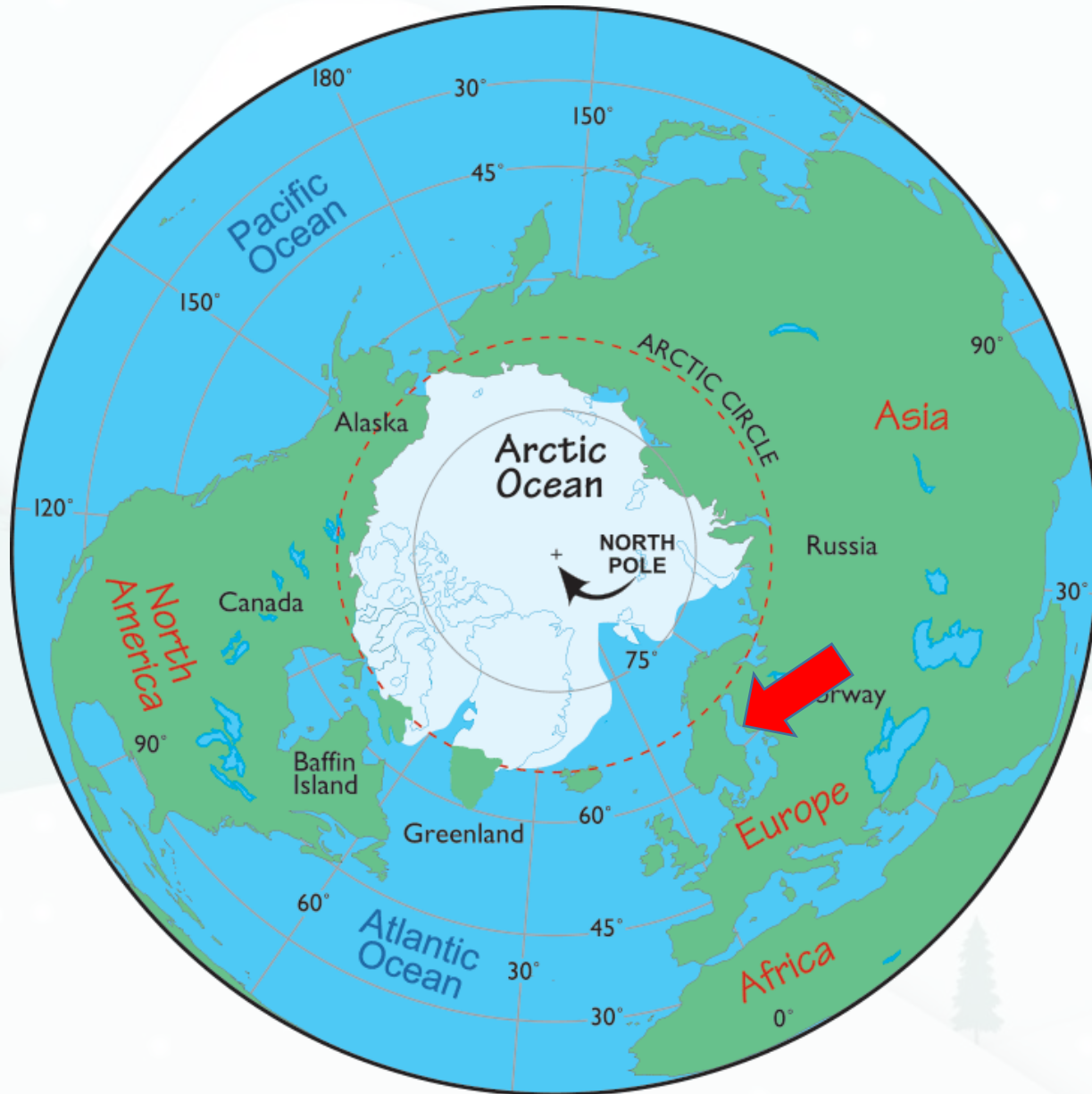
What would you
expect the climate to
be like in these
countries?
Think, Pair, Share!





The answer is...

It depends where you are!



The very top of Norway and Sweden are actually inside the Arctic Circle! This area is VERY cold and usually is covered completely in ice!

What kind of things would expect to see in the Arctic Circle?

Animals of the Artic



Narwhals



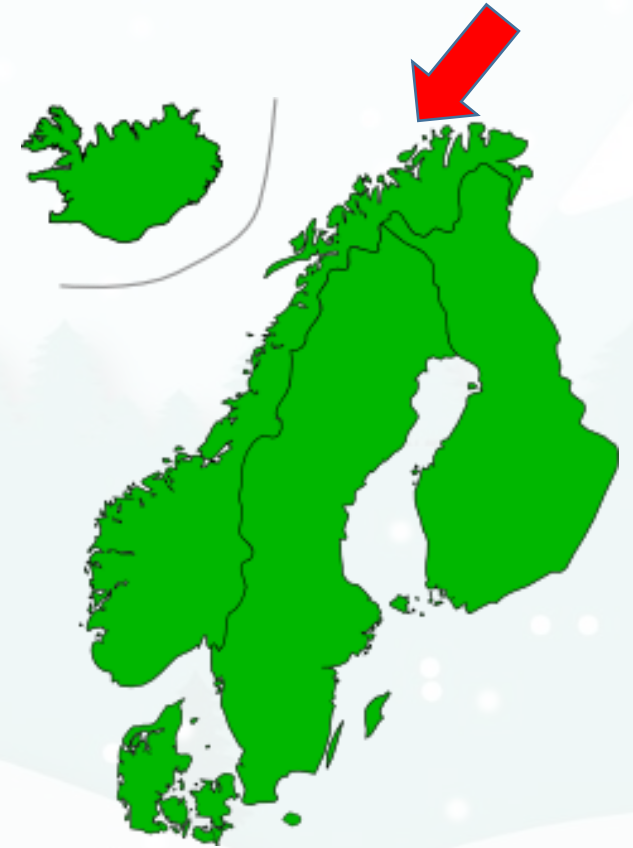
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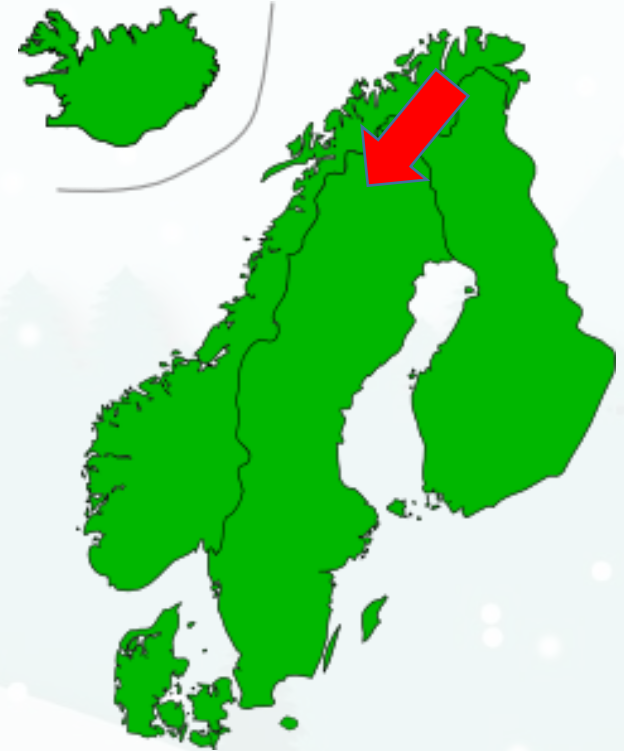
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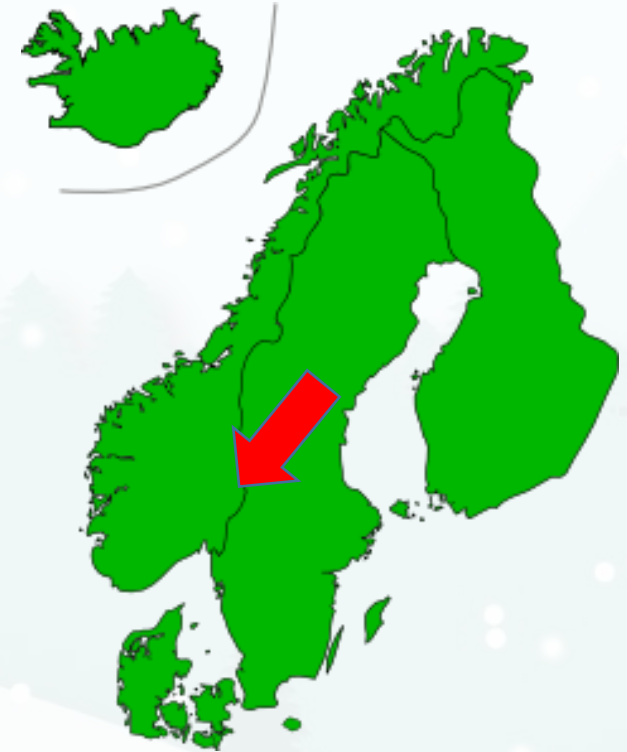
Reindeer



Life can be very tough for humans up at the very **north** of Scandinavia!
There is often snow and ice to deal with for the whole year!



A little bit further south you will find a lot of **tundra** areas. These places are very cold and very dry. There is very few living things here!



At the bottom of Sweden and Norway, the climate gets a lot easier for humans to live in. The summers are warm and mostly dry. The winters are colder and there is often snow.



The furthest country south is Denmark. They have weather pretty similar to Ireland, just a bit less rain! Their summers are warm and their winters are cold. However, there isn't often snow or ice!

Activity Time

We're going to take a look at some weather forecasts from the Scandinavian countries and Ireland. Let's see if you remember the types of weather we'd expect to find at different times of the year!


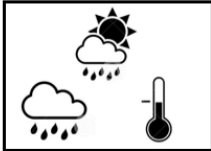
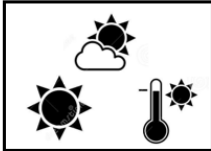



Activity Time

Take a look at the 4 weather forecasts on top. Match the weather with correct location. Pay close attention to the month! Then, draw a picture of an activity you could do during that weather in that place below.

The Scandinavian Climate - Weather Forecast

Match the weather forecast with the correct country. Then draw an activity you could do during this weather below!

			
Ireland (January)	Northern Norway (March)	Sweden (April)	Southern Denmark (May)
Draw an activity	Draw an activity	Draw an activity	Draw an activity

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Without a doubt, winter
is the toughest time to
be a human in
Scandinavia!

Something very unusual
happens in the winter
time up in the arctic
circle area of
Scandinavia. Do you
know what it is?

Think, Pair, Share

Because of where it is on earth, in the deepest parts of winter, something very strange happens.

The sun never rises. That means it is night time 24 hours a day!

What do you think it would be like living in a place like that?

Think, Pair, Share



Because of where it is on earth, in the deepest parts of summer, something very strange happens.

The sun never sets. That means it is day time 24 hours a day!

What do you think it would be like living in a place like that?

Think, Pair, Share

How do you think the weather and climate in Scandinavia affects how people live their daily lives?

Is there anything they would do differently to us in Ireland because of the weather?



The long and cold winters in Scandinavia are perfect for winter sports! Sports like snowboarding, bobsleighbing and skiing are all very popular with all ages in Scandinavia!





This is the Holmenkollen ski jump in Oslo. The launch point is as high as a 20 floor building tall! Scandinavian athletes always do very well in the winter Olympic events! You can see why!

Even children get involved in the winter sports! Instead of doing G.A.A or football in school, the children get skiing lessons!



As you probably noticed, the clothes that people have to wear during the winter is very different to what we wear! With temperatures dropping below freezing, it is important to stay warm!



Activity Time

We're going to take a look at the similarities and differences between the weather and climate in Ireland and that of the Scandinavian countries.



Activity Time

With your partner, read and cut out the fact cards. Then you need to sort them into facts about Ireland, Scandinavia and ones that fit both. When you are certain, you can stick your fact down in the correct place.

The Scandinavian Climate - Comparing

Read and cut out the weather and climate fact cards on the next page. Place them in the correct bubble down below.

Ireland **Scandinavia** **Both**

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The Scandinavian Climate - Comparing

Read and cut out the weather and climate fact cards down below. Then sort them into facts about Ireland's weather and climate, facts about Scandinavia's weather and climate and facts that are true for both countries.

The northern areas are often covered in snow and ice for the entire year.	The weather changes a lot in this country from day to day. It doesn't often snow though.	The months that have the least amount of sunshine are during the winter time in this area.	The west of this area gets a lot of rain blowing in from the Atlantic Ocean. This makes the west very wet.
Outdoor sports are popular all year around here because the ground doesn't get icy or snowy often.	In the tundra areas it is extremely cold and dry. There is not much living here.	It can rain, hail and snow in this area if the weather conditions are correct.	In the very north, the sun never sets in the summer. This means it is light for 24 hours a day.
The sunniest months are during the summertime in this area.	In the summertime, people often wear shorts and t-shirts outside because the weather is good.	In the very north, the sun never rises in the winter. That means it is dark 24 hours a day.	There are no tornados found in this area.
Sometimes, storms and hurricanes blow in from the Atlantic Ocean. The high winds can cause damage.	Winters are cold and often wet in this area. It does not often snow though.	The clothes that people wear in the winter have to be extremely warm to keep out the freezing weather.	Skiing, snowboarding and bobsleighbing are all popular sports here.
It is often cold and there is usually snow in the winter in all areas.	This area does not get extreme temperatures. It never gets too hot in the summer or too cold in winter	Summers can be warm and mostly dry in the southern areas.	It is extremely tough to grow food and live in the northern parts of this area because of the weather

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