

# Knowledge Organiser Geography Year 5 Autumn

## *What is life like in the Alps?*



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"Love one another as I have loved you"

### Prior knowledge

- Volcano formation
- Tectonic plate boundaries
- Causes of earthquakes
- Location of seas, oceans and continents
- Climate zones

### Geographical knowledge and skills covered in this topic

- Children will locate the Alps on a world map and identify and label the eight countries they spread through.
- Children will locate three physical and three human characteristics in the Alps.
- Children will research and describe the physical and human features of Innsbruck.
- Children will use a variety of data collection methods including completing a questionnaire, mapping their route and recording their findings in sketches or photographs.
- Children will compare the human and physical geography of their local area and Innsbruck.
- Children will describe at least four of the key aspects of the human and physical geography of the Alps to answer the enquiry question, 'What is life like in the Alps?'

### Key words

**Alpine mountains** are **Fold mountains**: They were formed when two tectonic plates pushed together and the ground was forced upwards.

**Climate**: The conditions of a region over a long period of time (temperature, rainfall etc)

**Coniferous forests**: Also known as evergreen, coniferous forests are made of trees that produce cones, and have leaves that do not fall off in the winter.

**Deciduous trees**: Trees that shed leaves annually.

**Leisure**: Time when one is not working or occupied; free time.

**Mountain climate**: The temperature on a mountain becomes colder the higher up you go. So, mountains tend to have wetter climates than the flat land surrounding them. Mountain weather conditions also change drastically.

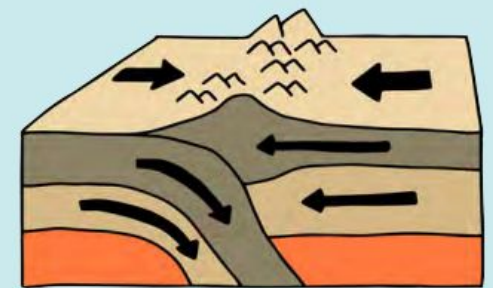
**Polar region**: The polar regions are found at the top and bottom of the Earth. The North Pole is in The Arctic, and the South Pole is in Antarctica.

**Temperate climate**: Temperate climates have mild temperatures and moderate rainfall.

**Tourism**: Tourism is when people travel from where they live to another place for pleasure or relaxation. This can be a day trip or a few days holiday.

**Tourists**: When people travel for pleasure they are called tourists.

### Types of diagrams and images



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