

AQA Geography GCSE

Cold Environments Glossary of Definitions

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Glossary of Definitions - Cold Environments

Alpine regions - Cold, mountainous regions with snowy conditions and warmer summers.

Biodiversity - A large variety of animal and plant life living in the same ecosystem.

Climate - The long term weather conditions of an area.

Cold environment - Regions of the Earth that experience sustained below freezing temperatures.

Environmental fragility - The concept of an ecosystem being so sensitive to change that even small changes within the environment can have large and potentially destructive impacts.

Interdependence - The concept of multiple things depending on each other for survival.

Permafrost - Ground that is permanently frozen for at least two consecutive years.

Polar regions - Areas surrounding the poles (90°N and 90°S).

Soil - The upper layer of the Earth which is composed of organic matter and other materials.

Tundra regions - Areas at high latitudes, characterised by permafrost, low temperatures and short growing seasons.

Wilderness - An area that is untouched by humans, and therefore remains unaffected by human activity.

