The Arctic and Antarctica: Are They the Same, or Different?

Have you heard of the Arctic? How about Antarctica? Both places are cold and covered with ice. But they are very different.

Do you know where these two places are? The Arctic is at the top of the world. It is a large ocean with land around it. Antarctica is at the bottom of the world. It is a large continent, or piece of land. The Southern Ocean is around Antarctica.

There is ice and snow in both places. Both places are cold all year. But Antarctica is much colder than the Arctic.

In the Arctic, small plants grow on flat land called the tundra. Most of Antarctica is too cold for plants to grow. There are not trees in either place. It is too cold.

Animals live in both places. Seals and whales live in the oceans. Polar bears, reindeer, wolves, and foxes live on land in the Arctic. Penguins live in Antarctica.

Many people live in the Arctic. No one lives in Antarctica. Scientists work there, but they leave when their work is done.

Did you know that these two places were so different? How are these places like the place where you live? How is your home different from these places?