

## Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Cold Environments

Key words for GCSE Geography.

biodiversity	<b>Biodiversity</b> is the measure of how many different species live in a particular ecosystem.
extraction	Mineral <b>extraction</b> is the removal of commercially valuable amounts of solid mineral resources from the earth.
fragile	A <b>fragile</b> environment is a natural area that is easily disturbed and difficult to restore.
infrastructure	<b>Infrastructure</b> refers to the basic equipment a place needs to function (e.g. roads, sewage, water) .
minerals	<b>Minerals</b> include ores, which contain metals, such as iron; precious stones, such as diamonds; building stones, such as granite; and solid fuels, such as coal.
permafrost	<b>Permafrost</b> is ground that is permanently frozen.
polar	The <b>polar</b> regions surround the north and south poles.
tundra	<b>Tundra</b> is a biome where the ground is frozen for most of the year and there is very little precipitation.
wilderness	A <b>wilderness</b> area is a natural environment that is left intact and undisturbed by human activity.