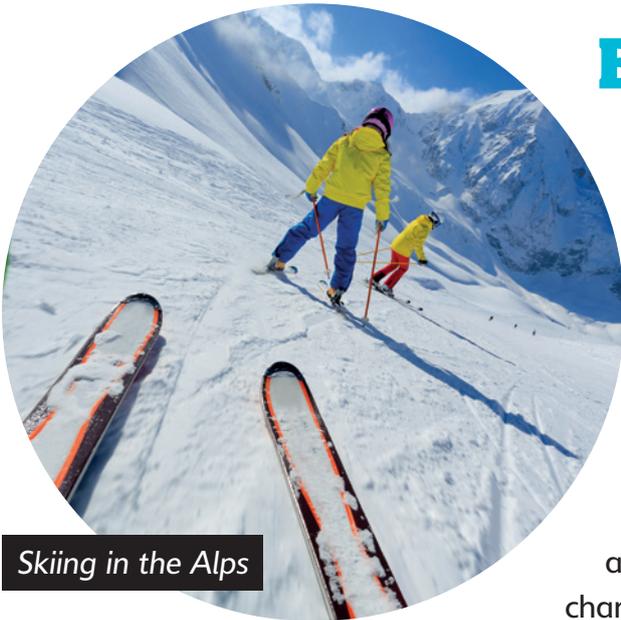


Wild Weather

In this country, we are very lucky because our weather is quite good. You might not think that on a cold day in January when there is snow on the ground, but it is true.

We do get some bad weather, but it never lasts long.



Skiing in the Alps

Brr, it's cold!

Some places are very cold. The North Pole is almost freezing all year long. The large icebergs would not be there if it was warm. The South Pole is the same, but there are lots of places in the world that are cold for large parts of the year.

In France and Italy, the Alps are covered in snow for the whole winter. This is because they are very high. The higher you are, the colder it is. The colder it is, the more chance of snow there is. This is not a bad thing. Lots of people go to the Alps each winter to ski.

No it's not – it's hot!

Other places are very hot all year. India and most of Africa have lots of sunshine, but the sunniest place in the world is Arizona in America. It has over 4000 hours of sun each year.

Some places are both hot and cold. The Sahara Desert is roasting during the day, but freezing cold at night. This is because the clear skies let in the sun's heat in the day time, but they also let it out at night.



The Sahara Desert