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# The North Pole

The North Pole is the northernmost part of Earth. It is the point where Earth's axis of rotation meets its surface.

Imagine a stick poking through the planet from the North Pole to the South Pole—that is the Earth's axis! Due to the rotation of the planet, its "axial tilt" is at a 23.4 degree angle. This is how we get our four seasons.

## **Think About It!**

If the North Pole is the most northern part of the Earth, would you see a sunrise and a sunset every day like you do where you live? Would "night" and "day" be different than normal? Explain below.

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Unlike the South Pole, which is in Antarctica, there is no land at the North Pole. It is in the middle of the Arctic Ocean on a massive chunk of ice. Almost no living things can survive there for long. There are a few man-made stations in the Arctic for research, but other than that, no animal can call the North Pole its home. Why do you think this is?

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