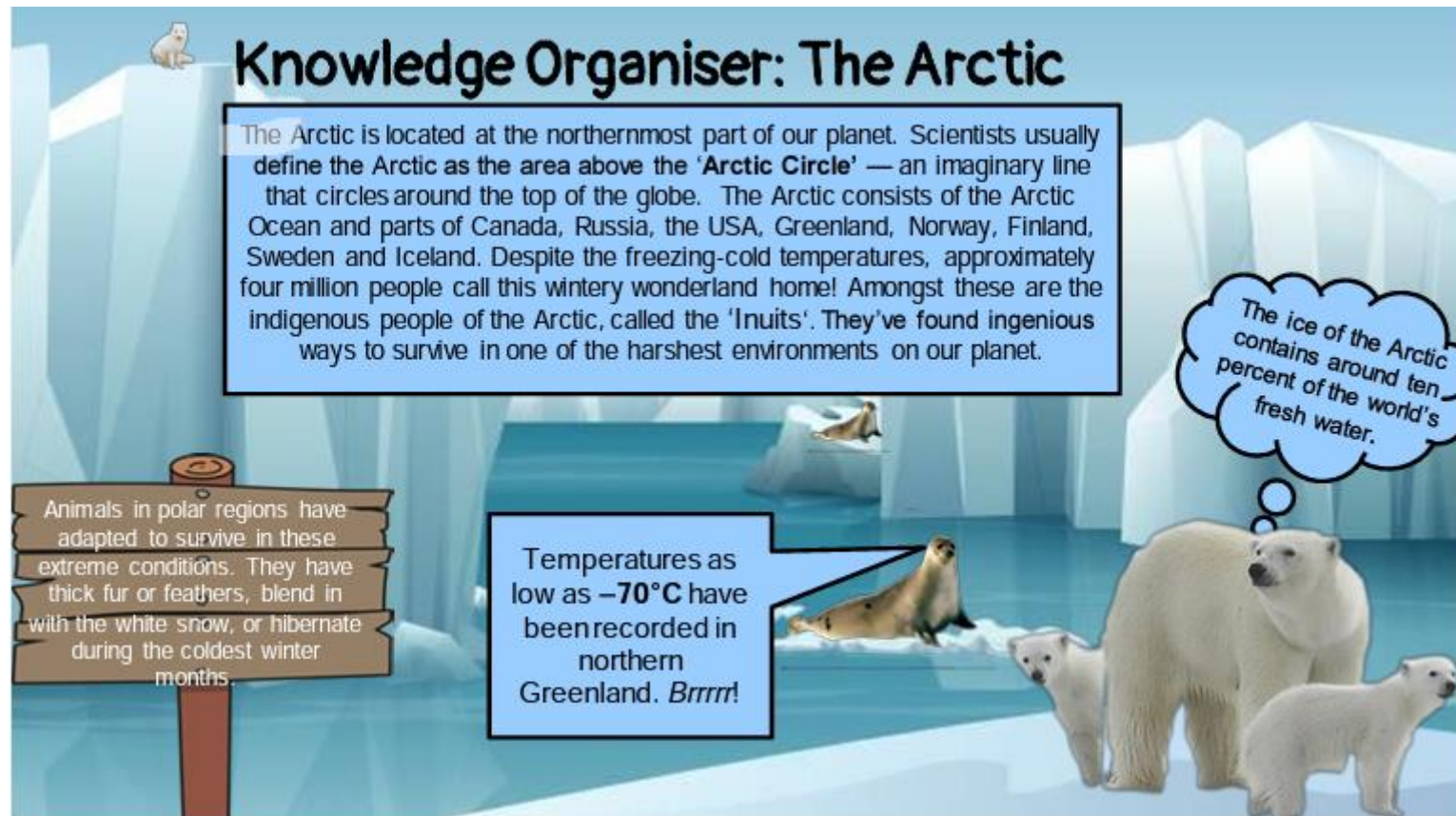
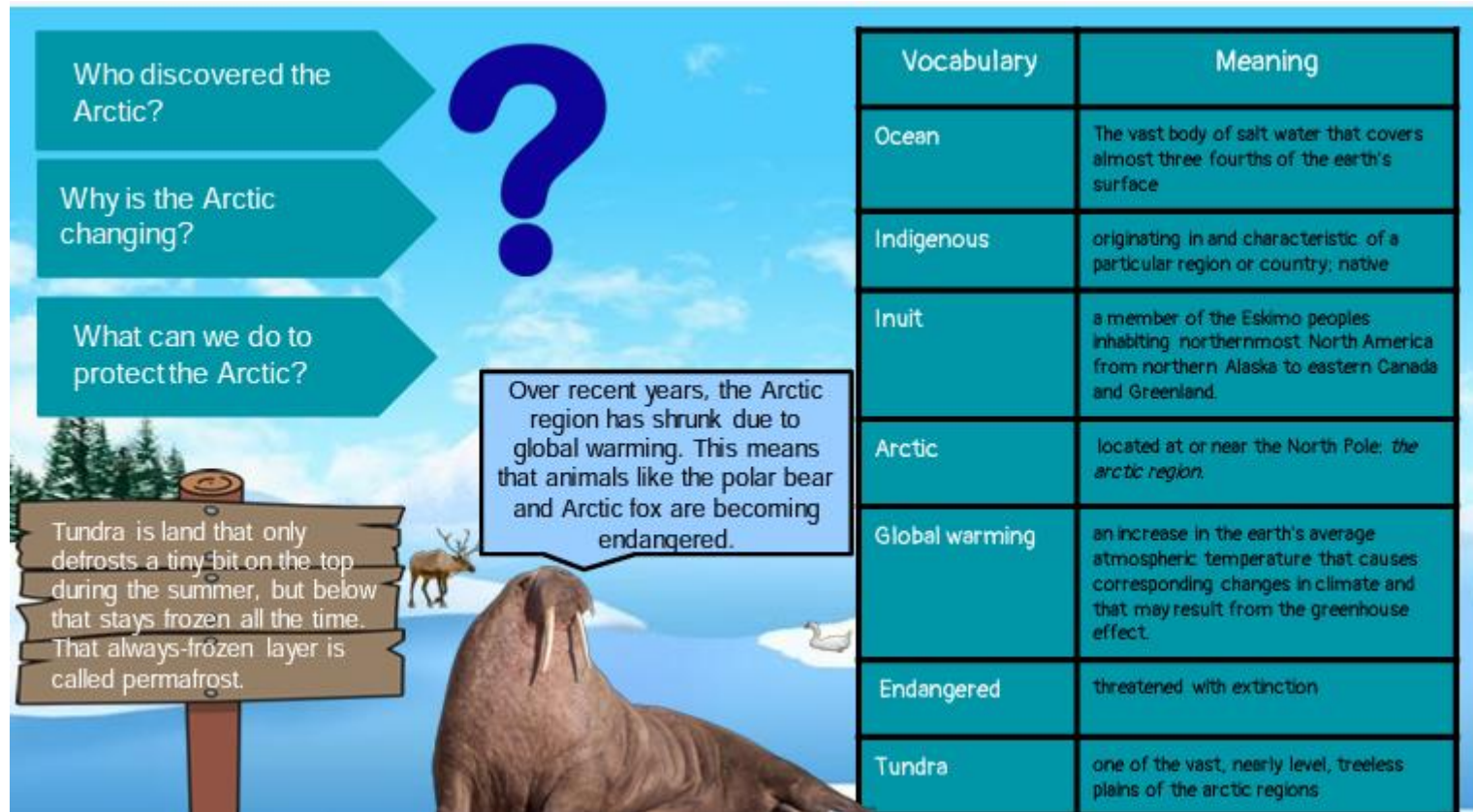






Who discovered the Arctic?

Why is the Arctic changing?

What can we do to protect the Arctic?

Tundra is land that only defrosts a tiny bit on the top during the summer, but below that stays frozen all the time. That always-frozen layer is called permafrost.

Over recent years, the Arctic region has shrunk due to global warming. This means that animals like the polar bear and Arctic fox are becoming endangered.

Vocabulary	Meaning
Ocean	The vast body of salt water that covers almost three fourths of the earth's surface
Indigenous	originating in and characteristic of a particular region or country; native
Inuit	a member of the Eskimo peoples inhabiting northernmost North America from northern Alaska to eastern Canada and Greenland
Arctic	located at or near the North Pole; <i>the arctic region</i>
Global warming	an increase in the earth's average atmospheric temperature that causes corresponding changes in climate and that may result from the greenhouse effect
Endangered	threatened with extinction
Tundra	one of the vast, nearly level, treeless plains of the arctic regions