

Knowledge Organiser – Geography Week – Year 4 – Northern Europe Study – Scandinavia and the Nordic Region

The countries included in the name "Scandinavia" are Denmark, Norway and Sweden, as those three countries are on or near the Scandinavia peninsula. However, Finland and Iceland are sometimes also thought of as part of Scandinavia. The people of Scandinavia do not consider Finland and Iceland to be Scandinavian countries, but part of what they call the Nordic Region.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Peninsula	A peninsula is a region of land that sticks out in a body of water. It is also defined as a piece of land with water on three sides.
Climate	The usual weather conditions in an area.
Climate Zone	Sections of the Earth that are divided according to the climate. There are three main climate zones; polar, temperate and tropical.
Polar Zone	The polar zone encompasses the areas around the North and South Poles. Starting from the North Pole, this zone stretches to the Arctic Circle in the Northern Hemisphere, and reaches even further south in North America and Asia. In the Southern Hemisphere, starting from the South Pole, this zone stretches as far north as the Antarctic Circle, encompassing the whole of the continent of Antarctica.
Northern Hemisphere	The half of the Earth that is north of the Equator
Region	An area of a country or the world with specific physical characteristics.
fjord	A narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or steep slopes.
Glacier	A large area of thick ice that remains frozen but moves slowly.
Tundra	A large, barren region with no trees.
Subarctic	Used to describe regions immediately outside of the arctic circle.

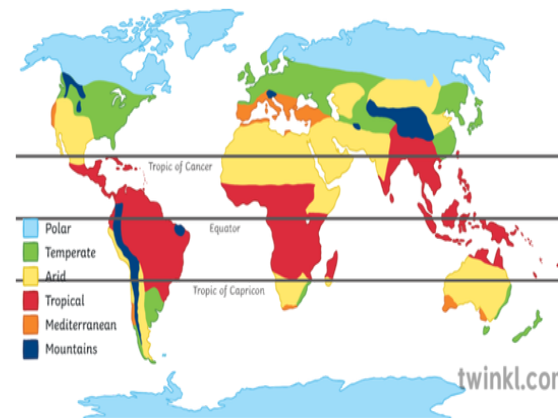


Can you find out which of the cities labelled in this map is the capital city of each country?

- Norway –
- Sweden –
- Denmark –
- Iceland -



Denmark



Can you find Scandinavia on this world map? What does it tell you about the climate there?

Permafrost	A permanently frozen layer of the ground.	
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