


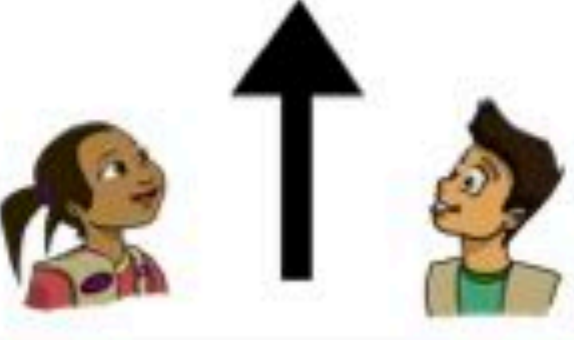



## Decodable Word Chart

| Short /i/   | Short /e/   | Short /a/   | Short /u/   | Short /o/   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| sits  | Peg   | pal   |   | jogs  |
| digs  | gets  | and   |   |   |
| nips  | wet   |   |   |   |
| his   | tell  |   |   |   |
| kids  |   |   |   |   |
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# Polar Bears in the Arctic



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Datz



Peg

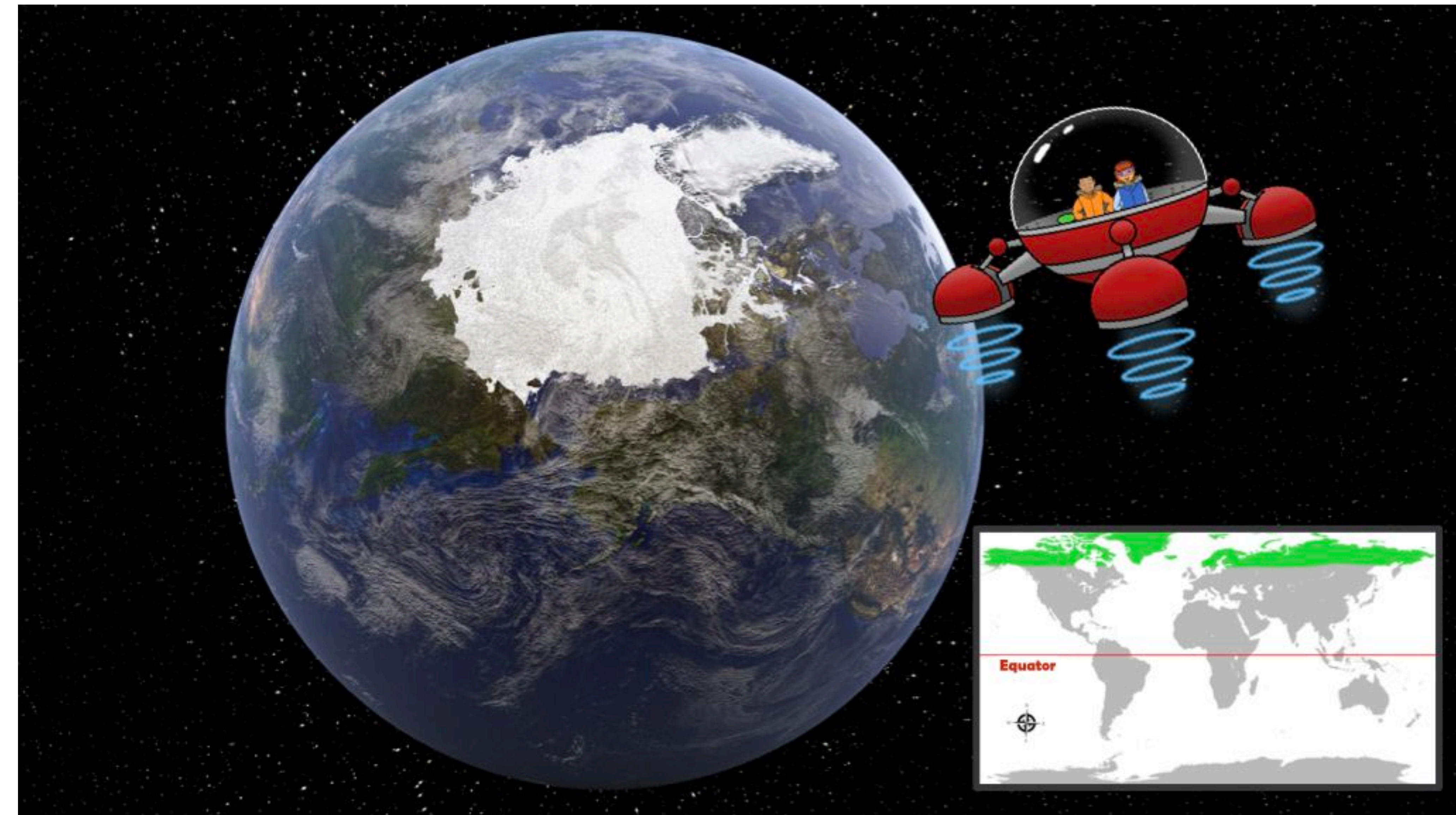
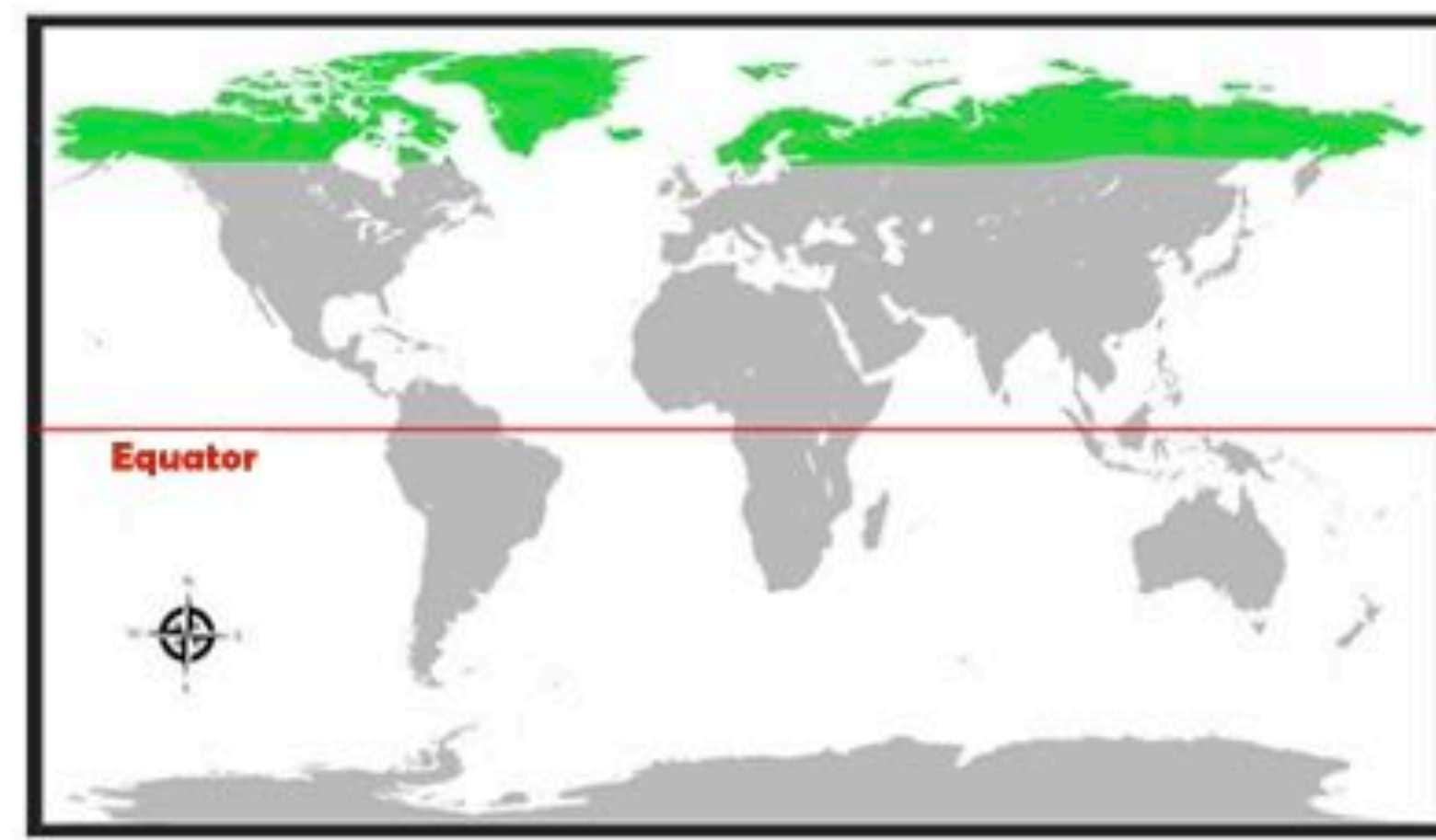
## Characters

## Arctic Facts

- The name 'Arctic' comes from the Greek word that means 'near the bear'.
- The lowest temperature recorded in the Arctic is around  $-90^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $-68^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
- In the winter the Arctic Ocean has a sheet of thick ice covering it. A person could walk from North America to Asia across the ice without getting wet.
- In the summer the ice sheet melts, creating large blocks of ice floating in the water.
- The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world.
- Polar bears have black skin underneath their white fur.



## Map of the Arctic Circle



## Teacher Reads:

Peg and Datz go to the Arctic Circle to learn about arctic animals. They can't wait to see a polar bear. The Arctic Circle is a cold and snowy place at the top of the world.



The polar bear sits.



Peg and Datz tell kids about polar bears in the Arctic.



**The polar bear nips his pal.**



**The polar bear digs.**



The polar bear gets wet.



The polar bear jogs.