

An Icy Poem

Amazing Fact

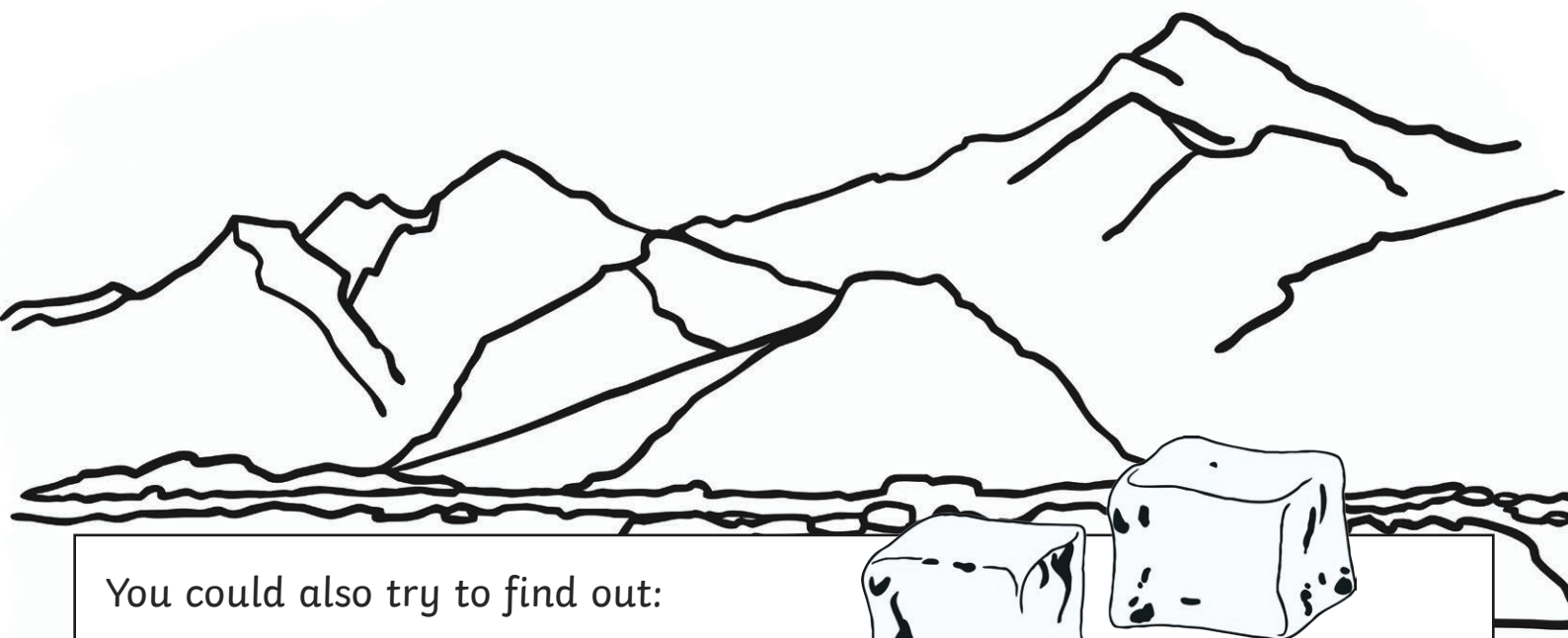
In 1833, a ship travelled from New England, USA to Calcutta, India, bringing a cargo of 180 tonnes of ice. About half of the ice was lost on the crossing but what remained proved hugely popular for cooling drinks in the hot Indian climate and the trade continued for many years.

Challenge

Ice is used for many things and in many things. See if you can jot down some ideas of what ice is used for. Then write some words that rhyme with ice.

Use these ideas to write a short poem about ice. Each line could begin with Ice is _____.

Think about how it makes you feel at different times; for example, in the summer compared to the winter. Think about different forms of ice, like snow and icicles.



You could also try to find out:

- how the ice was harvested;
- where else ice was taken;
- how the melt-rate of the ice was slowed down;
- which year refrigerators were invented.