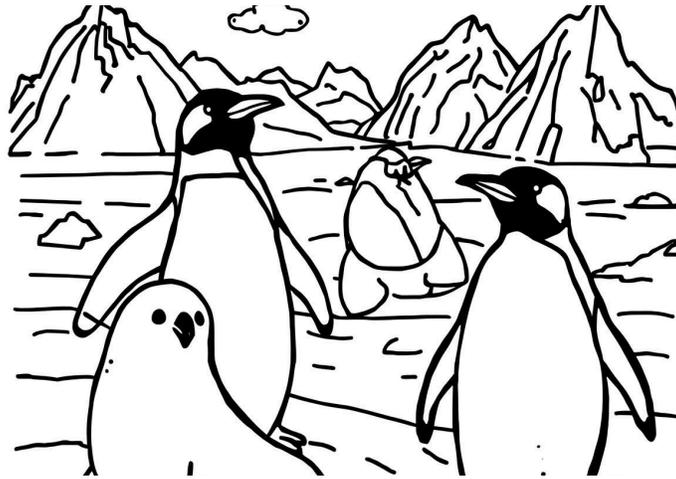
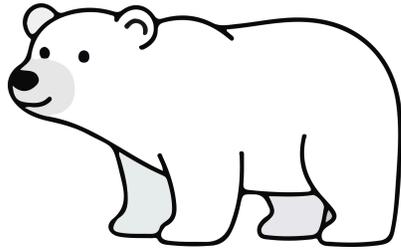


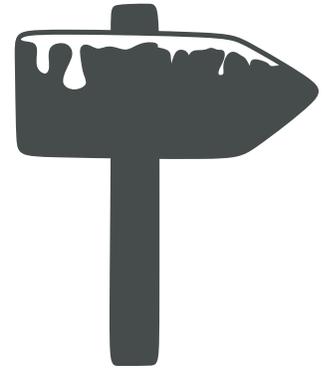
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# All About Antarctica



*No man's land*



Antarctica is the southernmost continent on Earth and is covered almost entirely by ice. It does not have any countries or permanent human residents, but scientists from many nations live there temporarily in research stations. Antarctica is surrounded by the Southern Ocean and is the coldest, windiest, and driest continent in the world. The land is mostly ice sheets, glaciers, mountains, and frozen deserts. Food in Antarctica is mostly brought by scientists and visitors because there is no farming. People eat canned foods, frozen vegetables, meat, and fish, and they sometimes grow small vegetables in greenhouses. The diet is designed to give them enough energy to survive in the cold weather.

Clothing in Antarctica is very warm and protective. People wear thick jackets, insulated boots, gloves, hats, and snow goggles to protect themselves from the freezing temperatures. Special gear is essential because the weather can be extremely harsh, with temperatures sometimes dropping below  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-76^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

Antarctica does not have traditional human festivals, but scientists celebrate special occasions like New Year's Day or birthdays at their research stations. They also study wildlife and the environment, which is an important part of life on the continent.

Research traditions help people learn about climate, animals, and the Earth's history. Tourism in Antarctica is limited but growing. Tourists can see penguins, seals, whales, icebergs, and glaciers. They often travel on cruise ships or guided expeditions.

Antarctica is special because of its unique wildlife and untouched natural environment, which cannot be found anywhere else on Earth.

Antarctica has very few plants, mostly mosses and lichens. Its wildlife is unique, with animals like emperor penguins, leopard seals, and krill. The continent is an important place for scientific research and understanding the planet's climate, oceans, and ecosystems.

**Name:**

What is the southernmost continent on Earth?

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Does Antarctica have permanent residents?

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Which ocean surrounds Antarctica?

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Name two animals that live in Antarctica.

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What kind of food do scientists eat in Antarctica?

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Why do people wear thick jackets and snow goggles in Antarctica?

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Do people celebrate traditional festivals in Antarctica?

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Name one activity tourists can do in Antarctica.

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Name one plant that grows in Antarctica.

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Why is Antarctica important for scientific research?

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**Fill in the blanks with Word Bank:**

**Antarctica, Southern Ocean, penguins, seals, ice, krill, moss, scientists, jackets, glaciers**  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the southernmost continent on Earth.  
Antarctica is mostly covered with \_\_\_\_\_.  
Antarctica is surrounded by the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.  
Many animals in Antarctica include \_\_\_\_\_ and seals.  
Tiny sea creatures called \_\_\_\_\_ are an important food source for animals.  
Some plants that grow in Antarctica are \_\_\_\_\_ and lichens.  
People living temporarily in Antarctica are called \_\_\_\_\_.  
People wear warm \_\_\_\_\_ to protect themselves from the cold.  
Tourists can see amazing \_\_\_\_\_ in Antarctica.  
Antarctica is important for studying the Earth's climate, wildlife, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

**Which continent is the coldest and windiest in the world?**

- a) Africa
- b) Europe
- c) Antarctica
- d) Asia

**Does Antarctica have permanent human residents?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**Which ocean surrounds Antarctica?**

- a) Atlantic
- b) Pacific
- c) Southern
- d) Indian

**Which animal lives in Antarctica?**

- a) Kangaroo
- b) Emperor penguin
- c) Tiger
- d) Elephant

**Why is Antarctica important for scientists?**

- a) For building cities
- b) For studying climate and wildlife
- c) For farming
- d) For shopping