



Year 1 Antarctica the Desert

Key vocabulary

North Pole	The point on the Earth's surface that is the furthest north.
South Pole	The point on the Earth's surface that is the furthest south.
climate	Measurement of temperature, wind, humidity, snow, and rain in a place over a period of years.
weather	The description of what conditions are like in a particular place (temperature, wind snow or rain, and sunlight or clouds).
desert	Land with little rainfall.
Polar ice cap	Areas of ice at the poles of any planet.
season	The four divisions of the year marked by a change in weather patterns and daylight hours.
permafrost	A thick layer of soil that remains below freezing point throughout the year.
ice shelf	A large floating platform of ice.
continent	A large mass of land. There are 7 continents on Earth.
ocean	A huge body of salt water that are bigger than seas. There are 5 oceans on Earth.

Important facts

Continent	Antarctica	Population	1,000 to 5,000 people
Oceans	Southern Ocean	Coldest temperature	-63°C (average)
Countries	Zero	Size	5th largest continent

Antarctica is known for...

Desert



Penguins



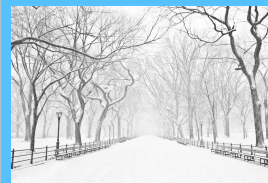
The UK has four seasons...

Autumn



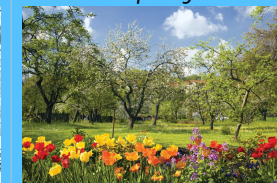
The weather usually gets colder and windy. The nights get longer and the days get shorter.

Winter



It is the coldest season of the year and there can be frost, ice or snow on the ground.

Spring



The days get longer and the snow melts. Plants begin to grow and it becomes warmer.

Summer



It is the warmest season of the year with more sunshine and the days are longer than the nights.



Map of the world: Antarctica is in the South Pole.