## Geography Knowledge Organiser: Antarctica

Vocabulary				
Glacier	A thick mass of ice that covers a large area of land.			
Ice sheet	A huge mass of glacier sheet that covers an area of more than 50,000 square km. It may also be called a continental glacier There are 2 ice sheets in the world at the moment: Antarctica and Greenland.			
Ice shelves	Floating sheets of ice that are connected to a landmass			
Expedition	A journey for a specific purpose			
Longitude	These are parallel lines that run from the North pole to the South pole.			
Latitude	These are parallel lines that run in east-west direction			

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Antarctica is the 5th largest continent on the planet

Antarctica is an ice covered continent surrounded by the Southern Ocean.

Antarctica is the windiest and coldest place on earth.

Antarctica has the highest elevation of all the continents Roald Amundsen was the first to reach the South Pole in 1911.

About 40,000 tourists from around the world visit Antarctica every year on Polar cruises and exploration trips.

## Key Diagrams

