

# Amazing Antarctica

## Where Is Antarctica?



Antarctica is a continent (a large solid area of land). It is the furthest south in the world. It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.

Antarctica is about 50 times the size of the UK.

## Antarctic Animals

Lots of different animals live in Antarctica. They have all developed special features to help them to survive in very cold temperatures.



**Emperor penguins** are the largest penguins in the world. Emperor penguins have special fat layers in their feet to keep them from freezing. They also have strong claws to help them grip the ice.

**Fur seals** have thick fur to protect them from the cold. They also have a thick layer of fat, called blubber, under their skin to keep them warm.



**Orcas** have a large heart which helps to pump lots of warm blood around their body. They also have a thick layer of blubber under their skin to keep them warm.

## What Is It Like in Antarctica?

Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth and almost the whole continent is always covered in ice. Because of the extremely cold temperatures, no people live in Antarctica permanently. There are also parts where no rain ever falls.

# Questions

1. What is a continent? Tick one.

- a large country  
 a large solid area of land  
 a place covered in ice

2. How big is Antarctica? Tick one.

- 50 times the size of the UK  
 50 times the size of the USA  
 2 times the size of the UK

3. Why have the animals in Antarctica developed special features?

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4. Draw a line to match up the boxes to complete the sentences.

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penguins in the world.

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live in Antarctica.

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5. Complete this sentence.

Antarctica is the \_\_\_\_\_ place on Earth.

sunniest

warmest

coldest