



## Antarctica

Antarctica is a continent. It's at the very bottom of the world. The land there is covered by very thick ice and snow all the time. It's a very cold and windy place. It's cold all year round – even in summer. It is the coldest place on Earth!

R: Where is Antarctica?

R: What is the weather like in the Antarctic? Circle your answer.

Wet and snowy

Cold and windy

Warm and icy

The Antarctic only has 2 seasons: summer and winter. In summer, the sun doesn't set. This means it shines all day and night. It is still very cold even though the sun is shining. In winter, the sun doesn't rise. It is dark all the time in winter.

R: Which two seasons does the Antarctic have?

I: Why is it dark all the time in winter?

It hardly ever rains in the Antarctic. This makes it a very dry place. It's so dry that it's classed as a desert. Did you know a desert can be a cold place?

Antarctica is so cold that nobody lives there. Some people go there to visit. Scientists stay there to do research, but nobody lives there all the time. There aren't even many animals that can live there. Only penguins, seals, whales and birds can survive the harsh conditions.

E: Do you think you would like to visit Antarctica? Why?

S: Which words could be used to describe Antarctica? Circle your answers.

Cold

Wet

Warm

Icy

Snowy

Windy

Desert

Dry

Hot