



Year 1  
Antarctica the Desert

Key vocabulary

equator	Imaginary line which divides the world into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
hemisphere	Half of the earth (northern, southern, eastern, western)
climate	Measurement of temperature, wind, humidity, snow, and rain in a place over a period of years.
Arctic	The region around the North Pole.
polar region	The areas around the North and South Pole.
tundra	A large, flat, treeless area in Antarctica that is too cold to grow vegetation (plants and trees).
Polar ice cap	A high point of a region that is covered in ice.
permafrost	A thick layer of soil that remains below freezing point throughout the year.
ice shelf	A large floating platform of ice.
desert	Land with little rainfall.

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...

Tundra



Penguins



Polar bear



The Ross Ice Shelf at the Bay of Whales



Map of the world - 7 continents and 5 oceans