

Antarctica

- ❑ Antarctica is the **icy region** around the **South Pole**.
- ❑ Antarctica is **located** in the **Southern Hemisphere**.
- ❑ The **continent** is surrounded by the **Southern Ocean**.
- ❑ Antarctica is the **coldest, driest and windiest continent** and is covered in ice.
- ❑ Antarctica is described as a **polar desert**.
- ❑ The **temperature** is **cold all year round**. It can be -20°C in the summer and below -60 °C in the winter.
- ❑ The Antarctic is covered in **ice sheets**, so there is very **little soil** and there are also very **few plants**.
- ❑ Plants that do grow in the Antarctic must **adapt** to cope with the cold.
- ❑ Animals that live in Antarctica have **special adaptations** to help them **survive**.
- ❑ Some **animals** that live in Antarctica are: walrus, penguins and killer whales.
- ❑ **No people** live in the Antarctic all year round.
- ❑ Scientists visit the Antarctic **science stations** every year to **research** things.

Links

Y2: Continents and Oceans
 Year 5: Countries of the World
 Science: Animals including humans (Year 1)

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Tier 1	
❑ Antarctica	The most southern continent in the world.
❑ Climate	The weather conditions in an area in or over a long period of time.
❑ Environment	The surroundings in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.
❑ Weather	The state of the atmosphere at a particular place. For example: wet, windy, foggy or sunny.
Tier 2	
❑ Colony	A community of animals or plants of one kind living together.
❑ Continent	A continent is a large area of land.
❑ Desert	A waterless, empty area of land which is usually covered with sand.
❑ Expedition	A journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose .
❑ Polar	The North or South Pole.
❑ Vegetation	A plant or tree that grows from the land .
❑ Voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.
Tier 3	
❑ Communication	The exchange of information through speaking, writing or a different media.
❑ Equator	An imaginary line dividing the North and South of the world.
❑ River Nile	A river in Egypt.
❑ Tuareg People	A group of people who live and travel specifically in the Sahara Desert .

Themes



Explorers and Journeys! Geography knowledge



Sahara Desert

- ❑ The **Sahara Desert** is **located** in Africa.
- ❑ It is **one of the largest deserts** in the world.
- ❑ The Sahara covers a range of **different countries** including Egypt and Morocco.
- ❑ The Sahara is the world's **hottest** desert.
- ❑ **Sand dunes** cover some of the Sahara.
- ❑ There is lots of **wildlife** in the Sahara, some include: camels, hedgehogs and sand foxes.
- ❑ **Palm trees** and **cactus plants** are among the plants that grow in the Sahara.
- ❑ In the Sahara, many people **choose not to live in one place**. They travel around a certain area in search of food and water.
- ❑ The main group of people that live in the Sahara are called the **Tuareg tribe**.
- ❑ The **Tuareg tribe** live in small groups and they look after animals such as cattle, camels and chickens.

Reading Texts

Where The Wild Things Are by Michael Margolis
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema
Tom Crean's Rabbit by Meredith Hooper and Bert Kitchen
Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie
Ultimate Pirate Handbook by Libby Hamilton
Guess Who's In The Desert by Charline Profiri