

1. Reading

A Read the travel brochure quickly. Check (✓) the words you find.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. largest | <input type="checkbox"/> 3. dangerous | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. driest | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. exciting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. coldest | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. highest | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. windiest | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. heaviest |

B Read the travel brochure slowly. Check your answers in Part A.

Come to Antarctica!

Visit Antarctica for the best vacation of your life!

Can you believe Antarctica is the highest **continent** on earth? It's the windiest and coldest, too! The **lowest** temperature ever, -89.6°C , was recorded in Antarctica. And it's also the driest place. Seventy percent of the world's fresh water can be found here, but it is drier than the Sahara Desert!

Almost all of Antarctica is **covered** in ice – 99 percent of it! **Icebreakers** – large, strong ships – can travel through



the ice. Take an icebreaker to see Emperor **penguins** jump off **icebergs** into the ocean. They're the largest of all penguins, weighing up to 40 pounds. You'll also see fur **seals**, the smallest seals at the South Pole. On land, visitors can try one of these popular activities: mountain climbing, camping, **kayaking**, or swimming.

So, come to Antarctica for your next vacation. It's more exciting than a usual trip to the beach. We think it's the most interesting vacation you can take!

C Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> continents (n.) | <input type="checkbox"/> icebergs (n.) | <input type="checkbox"/> kayaking (n.) | <input type="checkbox"/> penguins (n.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> covered (adj.) | <input type="checkbox"/> icebreakers (n.) | <input type="checkbox"/> lowest (adj.) | <input type="checkbox"/> seals (n.) |

1. She's the best student in the class. Her _____ test grade was 95.
2. If it's too cold to swim, we can always go _____.
3. My sister likes the _____ at the zoo. They aren't usual birds. They are black and white – and they walk in a weird way, too.
4. _____ are usually brown, live in cold places, and like to swim.
5. The cookies are so good because they're _____ in chocolate.
6. Australia, Antarctica, and Africa are three of the _____ in the world.
7. Ships in the ocean in winter have to be careful of _____.
8. Scientists traveled on _____ to get near land to study the penguins and seals.

D Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) True or False. Then correct the false statements.

	True	False
1. Antarctica is the lowest continent on Earth. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The lowest temperature ever recorded was -99°C . _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The Sahara Desert is not drier than Antarctica. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Seventy percent of Antarctica is covered in ice. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Emperor penguins are the largest penguins. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Visitors can mountain climb, camp, kayak, or swim in Antarctica. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E What do you think? Answer the questions.

1. What kind of people do you think would like to visit Antarctica? Why?

2. Do you think a trip to Antarctica would be the best vacation of your life? Why or why not?

3. In your opinion, which animal is more interesting – a seal or a penguin? Why?
