

Living on 'The Ice'

1. Give three reasons for Antarctica remaining uninhabited for so long.

2. Give one example of a way in which the Arctic and Antarctica are different.

3. Give two general facts about the weather in Antarctica.

4. Who is Emilio Marcos Palma and why is he famous?

5. What is the Antarctic Treaty?

6. How have some of the research stations been adapted for use in this most unforgiving environment?

7. What leisure activities do people take part in on Antarctica?

8. Give two examples of the type of work you might do in Antarctica.

9. Name two ways in which the natural conditions of the continent might affect human beings.

10. What makes Antarctica so important to researchers?

Extension

Emilio Marcos Palma was the first child born within the Antarctic region. What reasons might countries have for wanting children to be 'native Antarcticans'?

The scientists on Antarctica were some of the first to draw attention to global warming and climate change. Find out more about the 'ozone hole' over the Antarctic. What did scientists believe caused it?

Imagine you wanted to apply to work in Antarctica. What type of job would you like to do there? What level of education and experience do you think you would have to have? Research some of the biographies of Antarctic scientists to find out.
