

Antarctica

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Fast Facts

Directions: Label the following:

1. South Pole, magnetic South Pole
2. McMurdo Station, Palmer Station
3. Ross Ice Shelf
4. Queen Maud Land
5. Weddell Sea, Ross Sea, Amundsen Sea
6. Antarctic Circle
7. Indian Ocean
8. Antarctic Peninsula
9. Transantarctic Mountains
10. Label two more features

- Only 1,100 people live in Antarctica (mostly researchers)
- The continent is twice the size of Australia.
- No countries own Antarctica. Thirty-eight countries have pledged to use the continent for scientific purposes.
- Antarctica is a desert, with less than 10 in. of precipitation per year.
- The South Pole elevation is 9,300 ft. and has a telescope searching for galaxy clusters. Its record high temperature is 10° F. and record low -117° F. From September to March, the sun never sets. From March to September, there is no sunlight at all.