

Alpha Level 5

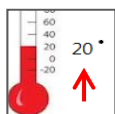
# Summer in Antarctica



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## Word Study

### A Match the words to the right definition.



temperature



continent



krill



fur



ledge



coast



distance

small, shrimp-like creature

space between two points or places

very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia

how hot or cold something is

a rock on the side of mountain which looks like a shelf

thick and usually soft hair on the bodies of animals

an area of land that is next to the sea

### B Complete the sentence using words in the box.

thawed-out predator journey breed Antarctica

1. Antarctica is the coldest place on earth.  
*continent around the South Pole*
2. Krill breed in huge numbers during summer.  
*have babies*
3. Some penguins walk over the ice to their thawed-out nesting places.  
*melted -out*
4. The whales fatten themselves for the long journey to warmer waters.  
*trip, travel*
5. Rocks and ledges are safe from most predators.  
*animals that kill and eat other animals*

## Word Study

**C** Choose and write the correct word to complete the sentence.

as      by      in      of      per      to      take

- 1) In the middle of winter there is no sun and it's dark all day and night.
- 2) Strong winds can be up to 300 kilometers per hour on the coast.
- 3) Spring arrives. Plants begin to grow.
- 4) During summer there is plenty of food in the seas around Antarctica.
- 5) Large and small predators, such as whales, penguins, and fish, visit Antarctica.
- 6) The male and female penguins take turns going into the sea to catch food.
- 7) The chicks must be ready to leave the nest by the end of summer.

**D** Write your own sentences using the same pattern.

The word, '**few**' means '**not many** of people or things.'

Very **few** animals and plants can live on this cold and windy land.

→ **Almost no animals and plants** can live on this cold and windy land.

The word, '**a few**' means '**some** of people or things.'

She was silent for **a few** seconds.

→ She was silent for **some seconds**. (not so long but quite for long)

- 1) She has few friends and feels lonely.
- 2) There were a few things to buy from the market.
- 3) I spent a few hours playing soccer. Now I'm tired.
- 4) Deserts are very dry and hot all year. Few people live there.



## Comprehension

### A Answer the following questions.

1. What is the story about?
  - ☒ a) What happens in summer in Antarctica
  - b) What penguins do in Antarctica
  - c) Four seasons in Antarctica
2. What describes Antarctica the best? (pp. 4~8)
  - a) All around seasons, it's dark and frozen.
  - ☒ b) Not many animals and plants can live here.
  - c) It's summer from June to August in Antarctica.
3. When is summer in Antarctica? (pg. 8)
  - a) From June to August
  - b) From September to November
  - ☒ c) From December to January
4. How do penguins make their nest? (pg. 12)
  - ☒ a) They pick up the stones and put them in the shape of a bowl.
  - b) They gather small branches in their beaks to make a nest.
  - c) They make a nest with snow.
5. What happens by the time when summer is over?
  - a) Animals stay in groups to keep themselves warm.
  - b) Animals dig burrows and winter sleep.
  - ☒ c) Animals move to north for warmer places.

### B Read and mark the right answer and write it in the blank.

6. The snow and ice keep melting on the coast and on the islands in summer.  
☒ melting / freezing
7. After the penguins have made their nests, they lay eggs.  
hunt for food / ☒ lay eggs
8. Seals come to Antarctica to raise their pups.  
feed / ☒ raise
9. Whales visit Antarctica because many of the animals they eat are there.  
☒ eat / play with
10. The animals leave with their young on their journey north to warmer water in fall.  
☒ north / south

# Comprehension

**C** Fill in the blanks and complete the chart.

When	What happens in Antarctica
Winter	April - <u>September</u> : There's no sun. It's dark all <u>day</u> and <u>night</u> .
Spring	October - November: Penguins and <u>seal</u> s return. The weather gets warmer and the frozen seas begin to <u>melt</u> .
Summer	<u>December</u> - January: Animals and krill <u>breed</u> . There are millions of <u>krill</u> for animals to eat in the seas. Penguins make <u>nest</u> s, lay eggs and take care of the chicks. After seals stop feeding babies, the pups start to <u>hunt</u> food. Blue whales eat a lot for the long <u>journey</u> to warmer waters. Summer in Antarctica is <u>busy</u> with many animals.



busy      December      September      breed      hunt      melt  
 day      journey      krill      nest      night      seal

**D** Speak and write.

1) What months are summer in your country?

It's from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

*March / June / July / August / September / November / November / February*

2) How's the weather in summer in your country?

It's \_\_\_\_\_.

*sunny / snowy / foggy / hot / cool / warm / dry / humid*

3) What do you do in summer?

I \_\_\_\_\_.

*have a long vacation / go swimming to cool down / eat lot of ice cream / have a family trip*

3) What happens when summer is over and the next season begins?

I \_\_\_\_\_.

*wear T-shirts with long sleeves / wear a jacket / close windows at night for cold air*