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Complete these sentences. Use the comparative or the superlative form of Badwater Basin Mount Waialeale the Suez Canal the lowest (low) point in North America. 1. Badwater Basin in California's Death Valley is \_ 2. The Suez Canal joins the Mediterranean and Red Seas. It is 190 kilometers (118 miles) long. It is longer than (long) the Panama Canal. 3. Mount Waialeale in Hawaii gets 1,170 centimeters (460 inches) of rain a year. It is the Wettest (wet) place on Earth! 4. Canada and Russia are the largest (large) countries in the world. larger than (large) Canada. 5. Russią is The highest (high) waterfall in the world is in Venezuela. 7. The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest (dry) place in the world. The hottest (hot) capital city in the world is Muscat, Oman. 9. The continent of Antarctica is colder than (cold) any other place in the world. 10. The Himalayas are some of the most dangerous (dangerous) mountains to climb. 11. Mont Blanc in the French Alps is high than (high) the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps. 12. The Pacific Ocean is the deeplest (deep) the Atlantic Ocean. At one place, the Pacific Ocean is 11,033 meters (36,198 feet) deep.

## The coldest and the windiest!

A Scan the article about Antarctica. In what ways is it different from other places on Earth?

Why do scientists work there?



ANTARCTICA is the most southern continent in the world. It's like nowhere else on Earth. It's much larger than Europe and nearly twice the size of Australia. It's an icy plateau with the South Pole at its center. Antarctica is the coldest and windiest place in the world, even colder and windier than the North Pole. Although 98 percent of Antarctica is covered in ice, it is considered a desert. Along the coast, annual precipitation is only 200 millimeters (eight inches) a year. Very few plants grow there, but there is some wildlife, including whales, seals, and penguins. In the summer, the sun shines for 24 hours a day, but in the winter, it's completely dark for about three months.

When Captain James Cook sailed around the continent in the 1770s, he found no one living there. Today, a few scientists work in Antarctica, but they only spend fairly short periods of time there. Many of these scientists live and work on the Antarctic Peninsula. This area is the closest part of Antarctica to South America, the continent's nearest neighbor. Many of these scientists are studying the effects of climate change there.

Antarctica has warmed by about 2.5 degrees Celsius since 1950. Some ice is melting in certain parts of the continent: However, unlike the vast melting that is happening in the Arctic, the ice in Antarctica is actually growing in spite of global warming.

Scientists think that this cold and lonely place can teach us a lot about the earth and how to keep it safe.



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B Read about Antarctica. Check (1) True or False.

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1. Antarctica is bigger than Europe.		
2. The North Pole is the coldest place in the world.		
3. The coasts in Antarctica get a lot of snow.	II.	
4. In Antarctica, it never gets dark in the summer.	M	0/
5. Captain Cook discovered a few people living in Antarctica.		V
6. The Antarctic Peninsula is the closest part of Antarctica to South America.	1	
7. Ice in Antarctica is melting throughout the continent.	M	



