



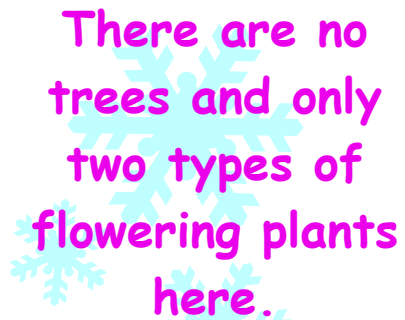
It is winter in  
December here.




This region is a  
continent  
surrounded by an  
ocean.



People have only  
been visiting this  
place for a few  
hundred years!



There are no  
trees and only  
two types of  
flowering plants  
here.



The average  
temperature at this  
pole is -58F.



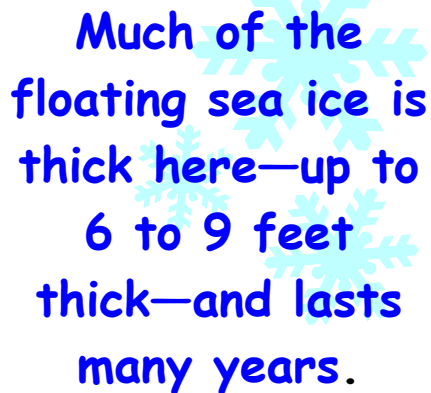
It is winter in  
July here.



There are no *land* mammals native to this place!



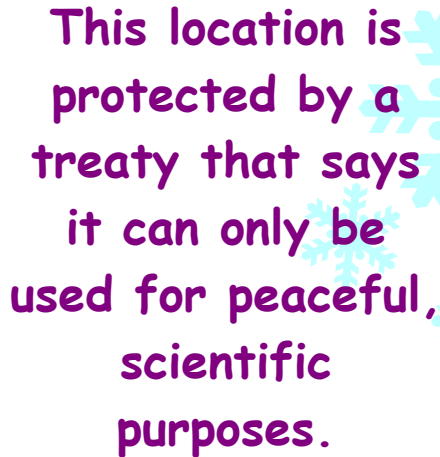
The South Pole is here.



Much of the floating sea ice is thick here—up to 6 to 9 feet thick—and lasts many years.



The North Pole is here.



This location is protected by a treaty that says it can only be used for peaceful, scientific purposes.



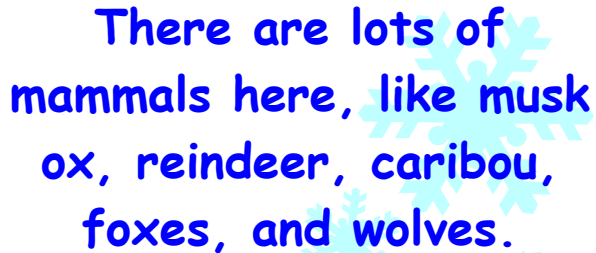
This is the highest, driest continent on Earth.



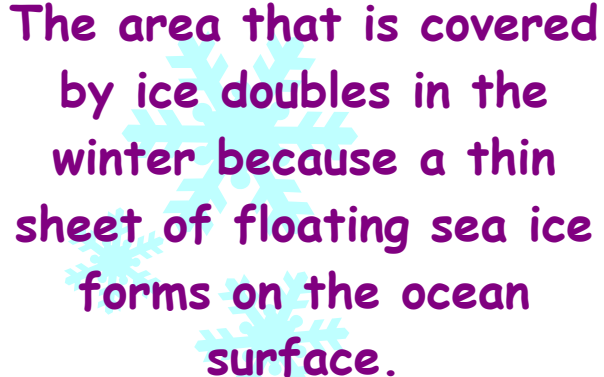
**Polar bears live here!**



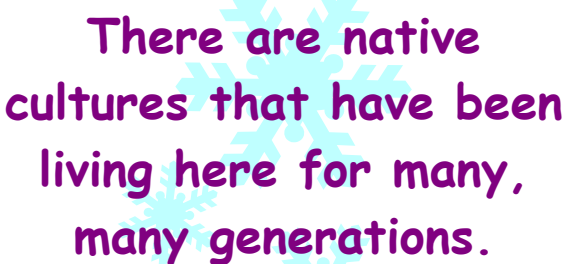
**This region is an ocean surrounded by land.**



**There are lots of mammals here, like musk ox, reindeer, caribou, foxes, and wolves.**



**The area that is covered by ice doubles in the winter because a thin sheet of floating sea ice forms on the ocean surface.**



**There are native cultures that have been living here for many, many generations.**



**Penguins live here!**



Scientists study  
ice here.



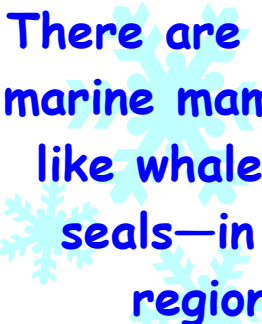
The amount of ice here  
is getting smaller.



There are large flowing  
"streams" of ice here  
called "glaciers."



Floating sea ice forms  
every winter here.



There are lots of  
marine mammals—  
like whales and  
seals—in this  
region.



There are  
icebergs here.