



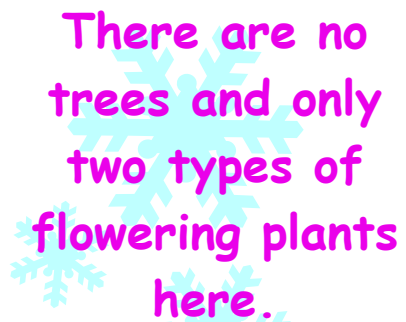
It is winter in
December here.




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.



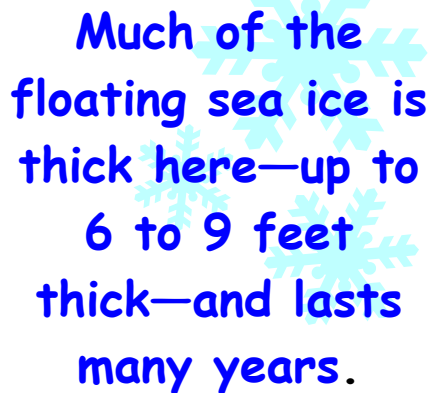
It is winter in
July here.



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



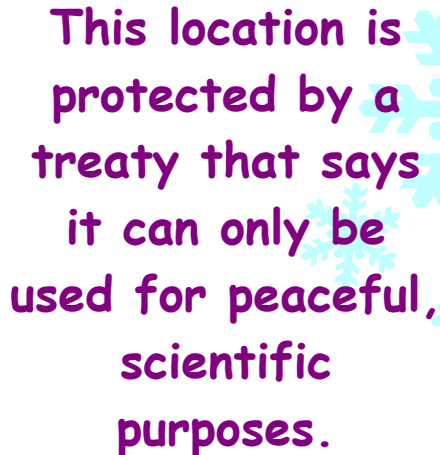
The South Pole is here.



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.



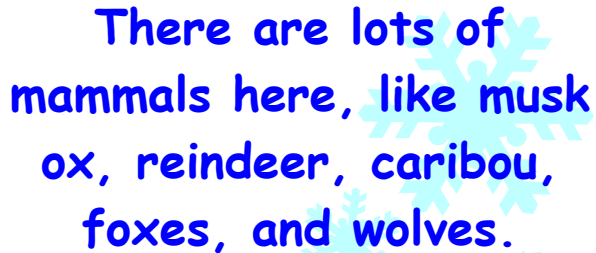
This is the highest, driest continent on Earth.



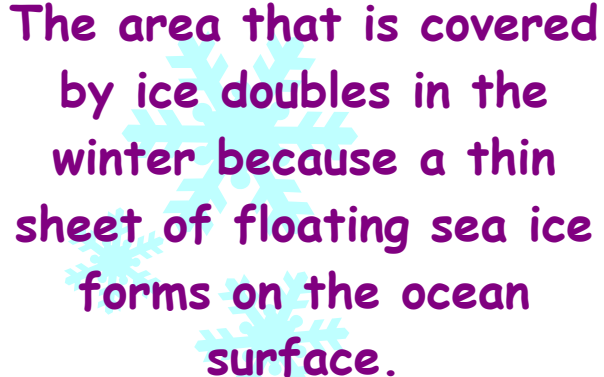
Polar bears live here!



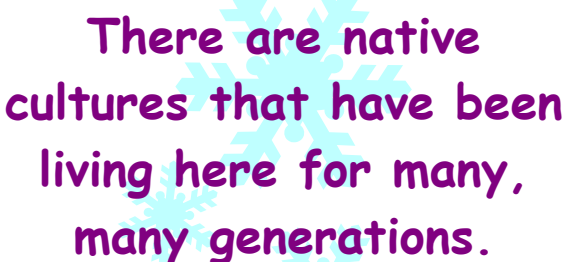
This region is an ocean surrounded by land.



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.



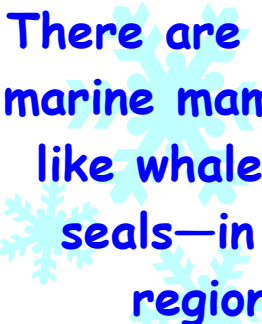
The amount of ice here
is getting smaller.



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.