

Inquiry Activity

My Antarctic Journal



Prepare for Inquiry

Think. Pair. Share

- What do you think it would be like to live in Antarctica?
- List the things that you might eat, the clothes you might wear, the equipment you might need every time you venture outside...
- Discuss why you think people go to Antarctica?

Glossary Words

launch: a boat that takes people to and from a large ship

botany: the study of plants

ice floes: sheets of floating ice

Learn about Antarctica



Watch the video *My Antarctic Journal* and discover how it is similar and different to the United Kingdom.

Complete the interactive video questions while watching individually or as a class. This will prepare you for the classroom activities that follow.

Researching

List all of the flora (plants) and fauna (animals) mentioned by the writer in their journal entries.

Flora	Fauna

Questioning

What does the writer tell us is their main job at the research station in Antarctica? What might their research help us find out?

Write three questions that you think the writer would have to answer for each sample of flora that they discover.

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Analysing

The statements below are based on the information from the Source Card. Tick whether each one is a fact or an opinion.

Statement	Fact	Opinion
The writer is in Antarctica to do research.	✓	
There are more than 14 million kilometres of ice around the research station.		
The humpback whales didn't seem afraid of the people.		
There are huge snowdrifts along the shoreline.		
The gigantic, towering pillars of solid ice are a beautiful sight.		
There are birds like penguins, sea birds, South Polar skuas, shearwaters and albatrosses.		
The Antarctic landscape is inspiring in many ways.		
When the wind picks up, it howls like a strange animal.		

Evaluating and Reflecting



When the writer leaves Antarctica and goes home, what kinds of things do you think will remind them of Antarctica? Think about the sights, smells, sounds, tastes and textures they might have experienced there. Do you think they will have positive memories of their time spent in Antarctica? Explain your answer.
