

## Penguin Spelling Games

### OBJECTIVES

Students will learn to recognize, spell, and write words about penguins and Antarctica.

### MATERIALS

*per student:*

- copy of ***Penguin Spelling Games*** funsheet on pages 15–16
- pencil and eraser

### ACTION

1. Distribute ***Penguin Spelling Games*** funsheets, pencils, and erasers to students.
2. Write the words *arctic* and *antarctic* on the board. Explain that the word *arctic* means the north polar region. The word *antarctic* means the opposite (ant-) of the arctic, or the south polar region. State that the students must first learn to spell arctic correctly, then add “ant” to make antarctic.
3. Count the number of letter “c”s in the words arctic and Antarctica. There are two “c”s in each. (Many writers forget the first “c” and write *artic*. Practice pronouncing the words arctic and antarctic with strong emphasis on the first “c.”)
4. Have students circle the correct spelling of the other antarctic words.
5. Next, write the word “Antarctica” vertically on the board. Show the students how to use the letters to create other words describing the antarctic (as you might do in the game Scrabble®).
6. Write these penguin spelling words on the board: *polar, snow, south pole, sea, weather, ice, mountains, birds, cold, whales*.
7. Students fill in the missing letters on their funsheets in the spaces provided. Allow students to work on the word puzzle as a group or individually.

#### ANSWERS TO MISSING LETTERS PUZZLE

p	o	l	a	r				
	s	n	o	w				
s	o	u	t	h	p	o	l	e
	s	e	a					
w	e	a	t	h	e	r		
		i	c	e				
m	o	u	n	t	a	i	n	s
		b	i	r	d	s		
			c	o	l	d		
w	h	a						



This gentoo penguin is at home in Antarctic ice and snow.

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1. Circle and count the letter **c** in these words:

<b>arctic</b>	_____
<b>antarctic</b>	_____



2. Circle the correct spelling of these words. Then show how to correct misspelled words:

<b>penguin</b>	or	<b>penquin</b>
<b>oshin</b>	or	<b>ocean</b>
<b>seals</b>	or	<b>seles</b>
<b>krill</b>	or	<b>kril</b>
<b>antartica</b>	or	<b>antarctica</b>
<b>whale</b>	or	<b>wale</b>
<b>ice</b>	or	<b>ise</b>

3. Finish the word puzzle below. First, write the words you have learned about penguins. Then use the word **Antarctica** as your base word. Fill in the missing letters.

My penguin spelling words:

polar \_\_\_\_\_


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			o	l	a	_____
				s	n	_____
		s	_____	_____	t	h_____e
			_____	e	a	
_____	e	a	_____	e	r	
				i	c	_____
	_____	o	u	_____	t	_____n s
				_____	i	_____d s
					c	o_____d
		w	_____		a	_____e s