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Class

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Antarctica is unique (one of a kind) because humans have never settled there.

But scientists can learn a lot from it, as it is undisturbed and frozen. So there is often a visiting community of researchers there.

Imagine you've won a trip to stay with a scientist at the US Amundsen-Scott South Pole Base. You're going to write an email to your family telling them about your first few days in Antarctica, and what it's like to live there.



- **First, you need to do some research.**

- 1 You'll be exploring outside a lot, so you need to be prepared for cold, windy weather. Try this site to find out about the kind of clothes you need:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/shackletonexped/dispatches/19991031.html>
- 2 What's Antarctica like? This site will give you the facts:
<http://www.aad.gov.au/default.asp?casid=1134>
- 3 And what's the research base like? Look at the photos and information here:
<http://www.polartrec.com/expeditions/south-pole-ozone-changes/journals/january-13-2008-retrospective-of-the-life-the-new-sout>

and here:

<http://www.ast.leeds.ac.uk/haverah/spaseman/index.shtml>

- 4 Do you need any more information? You could try doing your own internet research. Go to a search engine and type in a phrase like *living in Antarctica*.

- **Now write your email.**

- Ask your teacher whether you should write it in the frame on the next page, or in a real email (which you could actually email to your teacher).
- Make it sound interesting, like you're really there!

From:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Hi everyone!

Well, after months of preparation I'm finally here! The journey was

As the plane touched down I felt

It's a fascinating place. The landscape is

The weather is

I have to wrap up very well. Today I am wearing

When I'm not helping out I can

I hope everything is fine at home. I'll be in touch again soon.

Lots of love