

Antarctica Cloze

Use the words in the box below to complete the passage. Re-read your answers to check that it makes sense. You may need to refer to the graph to help fill in some spaces.

nations, preserved, minke, airport, windiest, oil, penguins, protests, many, harmful, southern, supplies, blue, ships, experience

Antarctica is 14 million square kilometres in area, the coldest and one of the _____ regions on Earth. Its waters teem with life like the _____ whales, which reach 10m in length. This is one-third the size of the _____ whale. Unfortunately, whalers killed over 400 minke whales in 2001 despite _____ from around the world.

The environmental group Greenpeace believes Antarctica should be _____ as a world park. It thinks its wildlife, like leopard seals, the _____ elephant seals and the emperor _____ should be protected for future generations. Greenpeace _____ regularly visit the region to interfere with whaling fleets or check on possible _____ developments in this unique environment. It realises that several _____ are interested in the area as it may hold huge deposits of _____ and minerals.

Christchurch _____ is the take off and landing point for the _____ long range aircraft which take people and _____ to and from Antarctica.

The International Antarctic Centre is also in Christchurch. It gives a first hand _____ of what Antarctica is like.

