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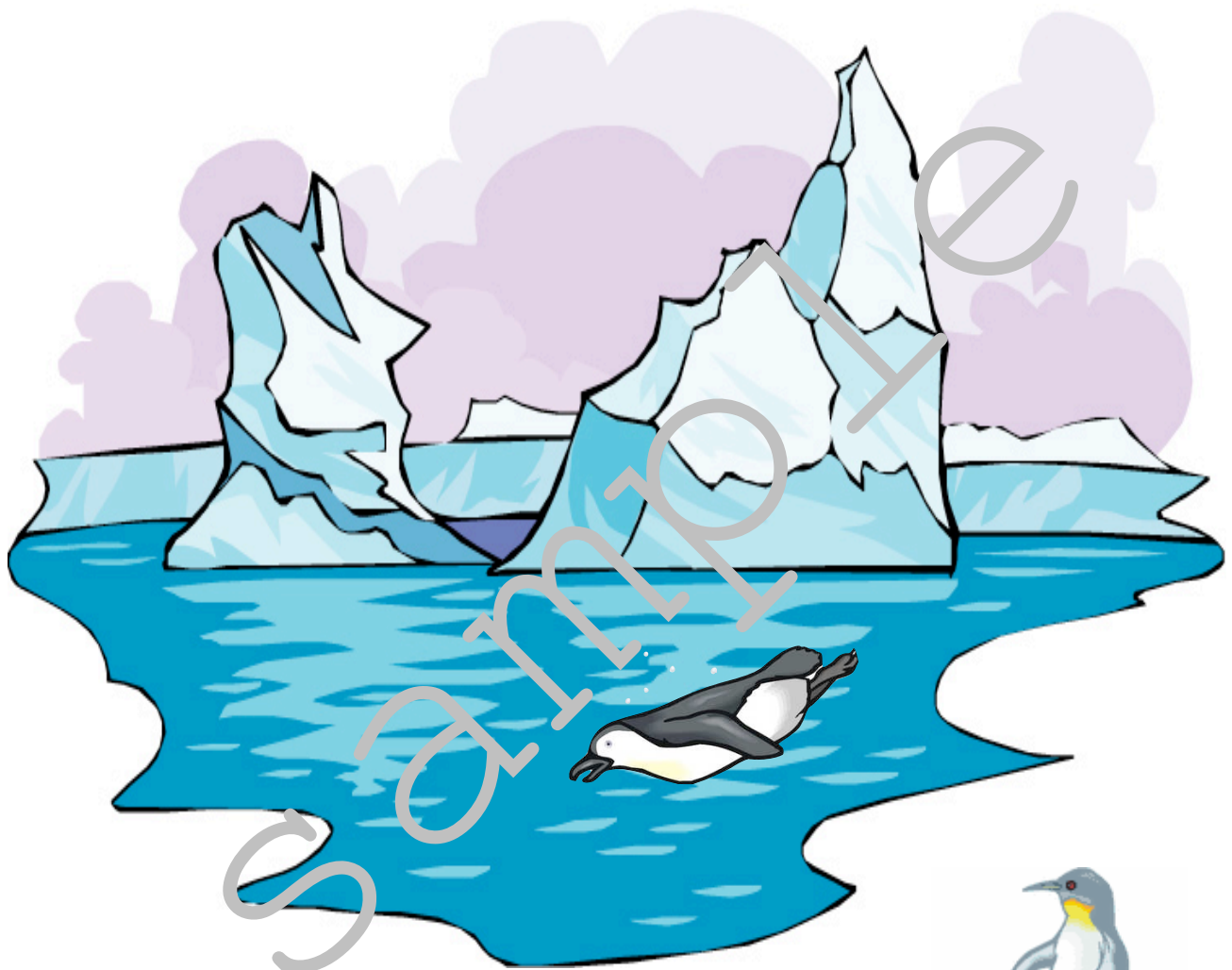
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SIZE

Antarctica is fifth in size among the continents. It covers an area of 5,500,000 square miles.

Antarctica is about twice the size of Australia. The coast line of Antarctica is about 13,800 miles.



COUNTRIES

Twelve nations around the world share a scientific interest in the continent. They include: the United States, Russia, Argentina, the United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand, Norway, Belgium, Chile, Australia, France, and Japan.

The nations agreed to use the continent for research. No country can claim the area or use it for military purposes.

Read each word below. Look up and write the definition on the lines.

1. continent _____

2. research _____

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TOPOGRAPHY

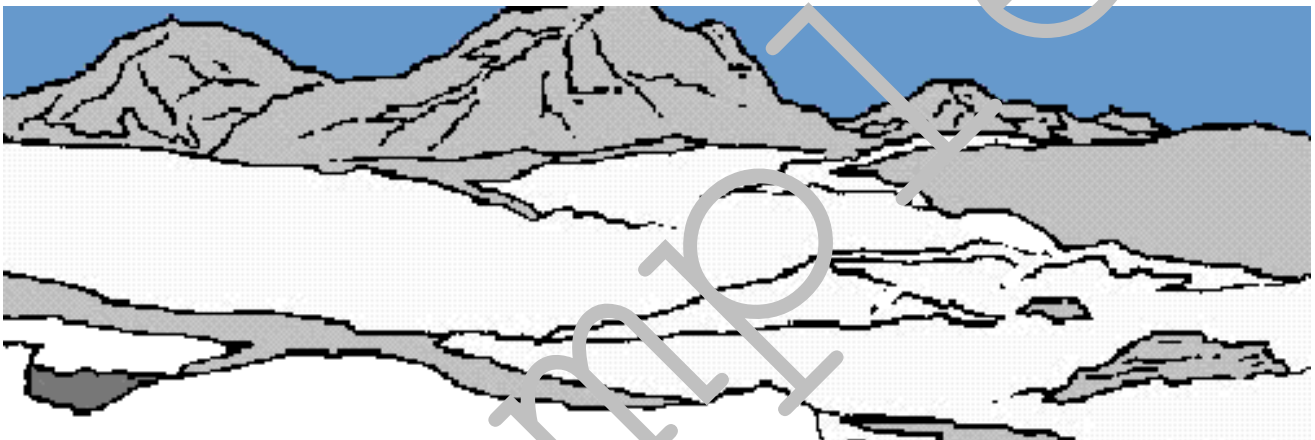
The Antarctica has a circular shape. It has a finger like peninsula, called Palmer Peninsula. Antarctica has two large gulfs or seas. One is the Ross Sea, and the other is the Weddell Sea.

Antarctica is covered by an icecap. It has ninety percent of all the ice on earth. East Antarctica is much larger than West Antarctica. There is land beneath the ice and snow.

CLIMATE

The average temperature of Antarctica is always below freezing. It is dark for six months of the year.

The temperatures during the summer are below freezing. It does not get above 32 degrees F very often during the summer.



Read each question. Write your answer on the lines.

1. What is an ice cap? _____

2. What is a peninsula? _____

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

snow
bases

scientific
seals

circle
penguins

research
freeze

