Objective

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

Materials

per student:

- copy of Penguin Spelling Games worksheet
- pencil and eraser

Action

1. Distribute Penguin Spelling Games worksheets, 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 worksheets in the spaces provided. Allow students to work on the word puzzle as a group or individually.

Answers to Missing Letters Puzzle

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POLAR
SOUTHPOLE
WEATHER
MOUNTAINS
BIRDS
COLD
WHALES
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1. Circle and count the letter c in these words:

   arctic
   antarctic

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

   penguin or penquin
   oshin or ocean
   seals or seles
   krill or kril
   antartica or antarctica
   whale or wale
   ice or ise
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
- ________
- ________
- ________
- ________
- ________
- ________

__ o l a n __

s________

__e a r c__

__ o u t__

i________

w______

codw__

__ c o d d

__a____es