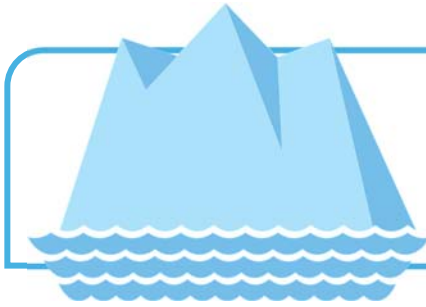


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Icy Waters

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.
Write the letter of your choice on your paper.

1. Which continent does the Southern Ocean surround?
A. South America
B. Antarctica
C. Africa
D. Europe
2. What kind of climate does the Southern Ocean have?
A. Hot and dry
B. Warm and humid
C. Cold and stormy
D. Mild and calm
3. What is the name of the strong current that circles the Southern Ocean?
A. Gulf Stream
B. Pacific Drift Current
C. Equatorial Current
D. Antarctic Circumpolar Current
4. Which animal is most commonly associated with the icy Southern Ocean?
A. Camel
B. Emperor penguin
C. Tropical parrot
D. Cheetah
5. Why are the winds around the Southern Ocean so powerful?
A. There are no large landmasses to block them
B. The winds come from deserts
C. The winds form only in summer
D. Mountains redirect the winds
6. What role does the Southern Ocean play in Earth's climate?
A. It creates deserts
B. It absorbs heat and carbon from the atmosphere
C. It warms nearby rainforests
D. It increases worldwide droughts
7. Which feature best describes the waters of the Southern Ocean?
A. Calm and shallow
B. Warm with gentle waves
C. Deep with strong currents
D. Freshwater with little movement
8. What is one reason scientists study the Southern Ocean?
A. To find new islands to live on
B. To discover desert creatures
C. To build more boats
D. To understand how icy waters affect the planet
9. What makes the Antarctic Circumpolar Current unique?
A. It moves all the way around Earth without stopping
B. It flows under the crust
C. It only flows in summer
D. It is the slowest ocean current
10. Which statement about the Southern Ocean is true?
A. It is the warmest ocean
B. It reaches up to the equator
C. It connects the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans
D. It sits between Europe and Asia