# Morning Starters: Spring 2 - Antarctica

### Word Challenge

The word 'seal' is a homograph as it has multiple meanings that are all spelt in the same way.

Identify and list some different homographs that can be found in the clip description.

### Grammar Challenge

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Write a descriptive sentence that includes the words listed below:

- ice sheet
- beneath
- seal
- silently

**Example:** Beneath the thick ice sheet, a lone seal glides silently through the frigid water.

#### Did You Know?

Despite being the driest and coldest place on Earth, around 235 animal species call Antarctica home. Although there are no mammals living on Antarctica's land mass, the Weddell Seal can be found in the coastal waters around the mainland. They spend much of their time hunting for fish beneath the Antarctic sea ice, where they are safe from predators.



Credit: BBC One - Seven Worlds, One Planet

## Number Challenge

A Weddell seal dived into the sea from its icy platform at 11:47. It didn't surface again until 13:08.

How many minutes did the seal remain under water?

How many seconds did the seal remain under water?

Critical Thinking

How does the perception of cuteness in animals influence the way we treat them?

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