## Article 1:

# Microplastics found in the Antarctic sea ice for the first time

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52411387

5 words to look up in the dictionary:

- Micro (prefix)
- Core (noun) GEOLOGY
- Krill (noun)
- Fibre (noun)
- Algae (noun)

## Question 1:

Anna Kelly found some plastic fibres in Antarctic ice. Were these bigger or smaller than those found in Arctic ice?

## Question 2:

According to Anna Kelly, what are the two sources of the plastic in Antarctic ice?

## Question 3:

Why is it dangerous for the plastic to be covered in algae?

## **Article 2:**

## Japan's onsen provide virtual reality antidote to lockdown blues

https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/lifestyle-culture/article/3081484/coronavirus-japans-onsen-provide-virtual-reality

5 words to look up in the dictionary:

- Antidote (noun)
- Have the blues (idiom)
- Urgent (adj)
- Clientele (noun)
- Immersive (adj)

#### Question 1:

What percentage of Japanese people visit an onsen at least once per year?

#### **Question 2:**

How many of Arima's inns currently have virtual reality experiences available on YouTube?

## **Question 3:**

According to this article, what makes these productions 'relatively simple'?

**EXTRA QUESTION:** Visit this website: <a href="https://www.ikedaspa.com/blog/beer-onsen/">https://www.ikedaspa.com/blog/beer-onsen/</a>

Which of these onsen would you most like to visit? Why?