Antarctic Ice

absence- An absence means that something or someone is not present.

shelters- Something that shelters you protects you and keeps you safe.

permanently- If something stays one way forever, it stays that way permanently.

drifts- When something drifts, it moves along without direction.

scarce- Something is scarce is not much of it is to be found.

dim- It is dim when there is not much light.

conserved- if something is rare and important, it should be conserved, or kept carefully.

strict- If you are stern and demand obedience, you are strict.

harsh- If something is hard to stand up to, like a blizzard, it is harsh.

bleak- Is something is cold and gloomy, it is bleak.