**Open** **cloze**

Think of a suitable word to fill each gap. There is an example done for you.

 **Antarctica**

The first people known to have seen Antarctica (0)……**WERE**……. hunters on

ships in 1819. Two years later,Captain John Davies managed to land there,(1)……….

though the conditions were difficult and prevented him (2)…………… exploring very

far. Other expeditions followed and by the late 19th century scientists had succeeded ( 3 )…….

mapping the coastline , in spite of the (4)…………. that Antarctica is almost entirely covered by a thick layer

of ice (5)……….. stretches far beyond the edge of the land in places.