

Farthest South —Antarctica's influence on the English language

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Many Antarctic voyages have come and gone from the maritime city of Hobart. Today the Australian Antarctic Division's research vessel *Aurora Australis* uses Hobart as its home port, as do its French equivalent the *Astrolabe*, other research ships, and Antarctic tourist vessels. Explorers such as Douglas Mawson and Roald Amundsen visited Hobart on their way to and from Antarctica. The accounts of their journeys not only illuminated the polar world's geography and natural history but led to the development of a distinctive vocabulary. Southern words like icefish, snow petrels, snotsicles and slots make up the world's most isolated lexicon.