



Shackleton and the *James Caird*

Teacher's Book

Worksheet Answers

1. Where did Ernest Shackleton go to school?
Dulwich College
2. How close was Shackleton to reaching the South Pole during the Nimrod Expedition?
97 geographical miles
3. What reasons did Shackleton give for not being able to reach the South Pole?
Lack of 50lbs of food after a pony fell into a crevasse
4. Who was "Socks"? **The pony that fell into the crevasse**
5. Who was the first person to reach the South Pole? **Roald Amundsen**
6. Which war broke out just as Shackleton was about to leave on the Endurance Expedition?
First World War
7. What one word did Winston Churchill send to Shackleton? **Proceed**
8. What sport did you see the crew members playing on the ice? **Football**
9. Which company designed the expedition's special clothing? **Burberry**
10. How many dogs were taken on the Endurance Expedition? **69**
11. What was the name of the island that they reached first? **Elephant Island**
12. How many men were left on Elephant Island? **22**
13. How many men left in the James Caird? **6**
14. Who was the carpenter that strengthened the James Caird? **McNish / McNeish**
15. Where did the James Caird sail to find help? **South Georgia**
16. How long did the rest of the crew have to wait on Elephant Island? **4.5 months**
17. When did Shackleton die? **5th January 1922**
18. Where is the James Caird now? **Dulwich College**
19. Shackleton tried to reach Antarctica on 4 different expeditions. Can you name 2 of these?
Discovery, Nimrod, Endurance (Imperial Trans-Antarctic), Quest
20. Which animals did you see pictures of?
Penguins, seals, ponies, dogs

Antarctica Map Labelled



Videos & Films

Shackleton & the James Caird

<https://www.dulwich.org.uk/about/history/the-james-caird>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4B9E-Yl9c8>

The College have produced a new film to celebrate the extraordinary life of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his exploits with the James Caird. Originally intended to support primary school during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is hoped to be of use to all interested parties.

Subject knowledge animation: Shackleton

[Video]

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/subject-knowledge-animation-shackleton/>

A good 10-minute video by the RGS on Shackleton and some of his expeditions. Produced very well, but some parts possibly slightly dry for a primary school audience.

Shackleton talk on the Nimrod Expedition

[Video]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aja8TCo5JGk&list=PLhcT1NQW30Y4Tg58W8b28Tu7oeXxQKvH&index=3&t=1s>

A 4-minute recording by Shackleton recounting the 1907-9 Nimrod expedition.

So old that it was recorded on a wax cylinder, and the kids can hear Shackleton's actual voice.

You may also want to look at our other videos on Antarctica, but these may be pitched at an older age group than your classes.

Shackleton

[TV Mini-series]

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/shackleton/episode-guide>

Stars Kenneth Branagh and tells the story of the Endurance Expedition. Each episode is about 1h 30 minutes.

Suggest just using the 2nd episode as the first one concentrates on the run-up to the trip to Antarctica.

Some adult content to watch out for.

Shackleton Epic: Death or Glory

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClZ9M_WekV4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sr08a5CPNY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KvrMCi44wo>

3-part documentary following Tim Jarvis as he attempts to re-create Shackleton's boat journey to South Georgia.

Teaching Aids

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SPRI Objects From Antarctica: Ideas For Teachers

[https://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum/resources/teacherpackshackletonobjectsfromantarctica\(1\).pdf](https://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum/resources/teacherpackshackletonobjectsfromantarctica(1).pdf)

The Scott Polar Research Institute has made a spreadsheet of activity ideas based around Antarctic objects.

Exploring Shackleton's Antarctica

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/exploring-shackleton%E2%80%99s-antarctica/>

Resources put together by the RGS to help teach Shackleton material. Parts were designed for the classes actually being at school, but may give some good ideas.

Lots of pages and links to follow through.

British Antarctic Survey education webpages

<https://discoveringantarctica.org.uk/introducing-antarctica/>

<https://www.bas.ac.uk/science/science-and-society/education/discovering-antarctica/>

Antarctica Facts

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/explore/exploring-antarctica>

An overview of Antarctic facts from Royal Museums Greenwich.

Cool Antarctica

https://www.coolantarctica.com/schools/antarctica_power_point_presentation.php

Check out the schools section particularly – lots of powerpoints and quizzes about Antarctica, and even includes recipes for making explorer meals.

Arts and Crafts

How to make Antarctic animals

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/family-activities/antarctic-animals>

How to make a penguin finger puppet

<https://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum/resources/penguinpuppets.html>

How to make a narwhal

<https://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum/resources/howtomakeanarwhal.pdf>

Misc.

Virtual Tour of the Cape Royds Hut

https://www.google.com/maps/@-77.5529523,166.1681919,2a,90y,57.37h,78.26t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sl0pxazFg6mE90-qaLRC_uQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656

A look inside the hut Shackleton used during the Nimrod expedition.

James Caird Society

<https://jamescairdsociety.com/>

The JC society was set up to spread education about the boat Shackleton used to find help on the Endurance expedition.

The “Shackleton’s Story” section has notes on his life and exploits.



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