

The Coldest Place on Earth

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1. When did the race begin?
2. What city was it?
3. How many people watched the Terra Nova go down the river Thames?
4. Robert Falcon Scott was the _____ of the ship.
5. How old was he?
6. Titus Oates _____ at Scott.
7. "You are important, Titus, and you're going to be _____, too."
8. What was Scott going to carry under his clothes?
9. Where were they going?

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10. What was the date?
11. What was the country?
12. The man who opened the door of the wooden house was not tall. True False
13. Was he in a city or in the countryside?
14. What was waiting for him when he walked down to the sea?
15. The Fram was the most beautiful _____ on earth, and his friends were the best _____ on earth.
16. Olav Bjaaland said, " _____, here we come, Captain."
17. Amundsen wanted to go there too, but first he was going _____.
18. Did his friends know this?

1. The Fram went to an _____ in the south of Norway.
2. There were a lot of cats there. True False
3. How many men came out of the house?
4. How many dogs did they have for Amundsen?
5. Was it easy to get the dogs onto the ship?
6. How long did it take?
7. The men were not happy because:
 1. the weather was _____,
 2. the dogs were _____,
 3. and some of the men were _____.
8. Did the men know where they were going?
9. When did Amundsen call everyone to the back of the ship?
10. Behind him was a _____ of Antarctica.
11. How many years ago did they start working for the journey?
12. At that time they wanted to be the first people to reach the _____ _____. However, people from _____ got there the year before.
13. Amundsen stopped for a minute and looked at the men. Who spoke?
14. Amundsen didn't want an _____ flag at the North Pole and a _____ flag at the South Pole.

15. Slowly Bjaaland began to _____.

16. He was very excited by the idea. True False

17. They had two advantages:

1. a lot of _____

2. some of the most wonderful _____ on earth

18. How long was everyone quiet for?

19. What did Bjaaland do?

20. He said, "It's a ski _____, isn't it, and the English _____ ski! It's a _____ idea, of course!
Let's _____!"

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Chapter Three

The Ponies

1. Which country did the Terra Nova arrive in on October 27?
2. Who talked to Captain Scott?
3. He asked Scott if he was going to _____.
4. Did Scott know what the man was talking about?
5. What did the man give to Scott?
6. The newspaper said, "FRAM RACES SCOTT TO _____ _____".
7. What colour was Scott's face?
8. Who said, This is stupid?
9. Did Scott take the newspaper back to the ship?
10. Scott said to his men, "We're in _____ of Amundsen, and we have more _____, and more _____ . He has only _____ men, and a lot of _____."
11. When were the ponies arriving?
12. Why wasn't Oates happy when he saw the ponies?
13. What did Scott think about them?
14. Was there enough food for them?
15. Note four things that Oates wrote in his letter to his mother.

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Chapter Four

Food Depots

1. When did the two ships arrive in Antarctica?
2. It was the end of winter. True False
3. What pulled the Norwegians' sledges?
4. The men ran beside them on _____.
5. What did they put on the ice?
6. Framheim was the name of the _____.
7. Where did the dogs live?
8. What did they want to take south?

9. "On February 10, _____ men, _____ sledges, _____ dogs and half a tonne of food left Framheim and went south."
10. The temperature was between _____ degrees Centigrade and _____ degrees Centigrade.
11. How many kilometres did they go every day?
12. They made the first depot at _____ degrees South.
13. Did Amundsen make the depot carefully?
14. There were flags five kilometres to the _____ and to the _____ of the depot.
15. They made their second depot at _____ degrees South.
16. "This time it was _____. The temperature was sometimes _____ degrees Centigrade."
17. How many flags did they put out at the second depot?
18. When did they come back to Framheim?

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19. When did Oates and Scott leave Cape Evans to make their first depot?
20. There were _____ men, _____ ponies and _____ dogs.
21. The ponies were faster than the dogs. True False
22. Did the ponies or the dogs start first in the mornings?
23. After _____ days, Oates talked to Scott about the _____.
24. Oates wanted to _____ three of them.
25. Did Scott agree with Oates?
26. Scott said, "I don't _____ my friends!"
27. "_____ days later, _____ of the ponies were dead."
28. Scott's men were faster than Amundsen's. True False
29. How many flags did they put on the depot?
30. How many ponies went through the ice?

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Chapter Five

A Long Cold Winter

1. How many months was it dark?
2. It was often _____ degrees Centigrade outside Framheim.
3. The dogs and the men stayed warm under the snow. True False
4. Soon the sledges were _____ and the skis were _____ and _____ than before.
5. Who did Amundsen think about?
6. Amundsen was worried that Scott's men could go faster because they had:
 1. more _____
 2. motor _____
7. Did Bjaaland agree?
8. Johansen laughed but he was _____.
9. He thought the Englishmen couldn't win because:
 1. they didn't understand _____.
 2. they were too _____.
10. Amundsen said they were going to start late. True False
11. What day were they going to start?
12. "That's too early! We can't start then – it's _____ and _____."

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13. Did the men at Scott's camp talk about Amundsen?
14. Did they work hard?
15. What did they do?
 1. had good _____
 2. played _____
 3. wrote a _____
 4. read _____
16. Who looked after the ponies?
17. What did Scott put up over the window?
18. What day did they plan to start?

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Chapter Six

A Bad Start

1. When were the Norwegians' sledges ready?
2. How long did the sun come up for?
3. What was the temperature?
4. How long did they wait?
5. What was the temperature when they left?
6. How many dogs did they have?
7. How far did they go on Saturday?
8. How about Sunday?
9. What was the temperature on Monday?
10. How far did they go that day?
11. Were they happy?
12. Amundsen was angry with Johansen, but he was also angry with _____.
13. How far was it to the depot?
14. How many dogs died on the way?
15. They travelled slowly on the way back. True False
16. How long did it take to travel 75 kilometres?
17. What time did they reach Framheim?
18. Bjaaland and two more men arrived _____ hours later.
19. What time did Johansen arrive at Framheim?
20. Who was angry next morning?
21. He told Amundsen that September was too late. True False
22. At first, what did Amundsen say?
23. What did he give to Johansen that evening?
24. Amundsen told Johansen that he could not go to the _____ _____.
25. The Norwegians thought about _____ and his _____ sledges.

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Chapter Seven

Motor Sledges and Mountains

1. How many motor sledges did Scott have?
2. Motor sledges had never been used in the Antarctic. True False
3. How many men went south with the motor sledges?

4. Did Scott go with them?
5. Was Oates happy?
6. Did he like Scott?
7. Did Scott learn to ski?
8. Did he learn how to drive the dogs?
9. On November 1st, _____ men, _____ sledges and _____ ponies left Cape Evans.
10. How many kilometres did they travel every day?
11. How many days later did they find the motor sledges?

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12. On October 20, _____ Norwegians, _____ sledges and _____ dogs started again.
13. How deep was the hole?
14. They were happy because:
 - a. they had a lot of _____.
 - b. they had good _____.
 - c. they were _____.
 - d. they could travel _____.
15. "But where is Scott? In _____ of us, or _____?"

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16. Who was with the motor sledges?
17. What was wrong with them?
18. Scott said, "We can get to the Pole _____."
19. Fill in the table.

number	item	price each
3	motor sledges	£
19		£5.00
	dogs	£1.50

20. What happened on November 21st?

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21. What did the Norwegians see on November 11?
22. Who stayed with the dogs?
23. They could bring the dogs and sledges the next day. True False
24. "In the next _____ days, the dogs pulled the sledges _____ kilometres, and went up _____ metres."
25. Everyone was tired and unhappy. True False
26. Do you think Olav would like to pull sledges up mountains?

1. How many dogs did the Norwegians kill on November 21st?
2. They needed _____ sledges and _____ dogs to go to the Pole.

3. Who ate the dogs?
4. Bjaaland wrote, "They were good _____, and now they are good _____."
5. They got lost on an ice river. True False
6. How many days did it take to move nine kilometres?
7. After that, how many kilometres did they travel every day?
8. What happened on December 9?
9. How far was it to the Pole?
10. How many more days would it take?

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11. How long did Scott and his men stay near the mountains?
12. What did Oates do on December 9?
13. Where did the dogs go?
14. Who pulled the sledges?
15. How many sledges were there?
16. How many men were there?
17. How many miles did they travel each day?
18. The men on the second sledge couldn't ski well. True False
19. Was Teddy Evans healthy?
20. How many men did Scott send back with him?
21. There was only food on the sledge for _____ men.
22. Oates was worried about his _____.
23. Did Bowers have skis?
24. On January 4, how far from the Pole were they?

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25. How many Norwegians skied over the beautiful white snow?
26. Were they excited?
27. How much further did they have to go?
28. Hansen wanted Amundsen to be the _____ _____ to reach the South Pole.
29. Slowly they all began to _____.

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Chapter Nine

The End of the Race

1. How long did the Norwegians stay at the Pole?
2. What did they leave on the tent?
3. Inside the tent they left some _____, a _____ for the king of Norway and a _____ for Scott.
4. Did they find their depots easily?
5. How many were there between the Pole and Framheim?
6. What was inside them?
7. Often they skied _____ kilometres a day.
8. What time did they arrive back at Framheim?

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9. What did Scott and his men see?
10. How far ahead of them was it?
11. When did they arrive at the Pole?
12. Scott wrote in his diary:
 1. This is a very bad _____.
 2. We are all _____.
 3. We all have cold _____ and _____.
 4. It is _____degrees Centigrade.
 5. There is a _____.
 6. This is an _____ place.
13. The morning newspaper of March 13, 1912 said:
 _____'S FLAG AT SOUTH POLE
14. Kathleen Scott was worried about her _____.

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15. Scott's men were always _____.
16. Were their depots easy to find?
17. Was there enough food in them?
18. What colour were Oates' feet?
19. On February 16, Edgar Evans _____.
20. What did they eat at the depot past the mountains?
21. They were ill because:
 1. their clothes were not _____.
 2. they didn't have much _____.
22. March 17 was Oates' _____.
23. How old was he?
24. Who did he write a letter to?
25. Did they see him again?

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26. Who waited at Cape Evans?
27. When did Meares and the dogs come back?
28. When did Teddy Evans and his two men come back?
29. Did Scott come back?
30. How long did they wait?
31. How long did it take them to find a tent?
32. How many bodies did they find?
33. Did they find Oates' body?
34. "But he is there, somewhere, under the snow and the wind, in the _____, emptiest
 _____ _____."

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Chapter One Two Ships

19. summer 1910
20. London
21. thousands
22. captain
23. 41
24. smiled
25. famous
26. British flag
27. South Pole
28. June 6
29. Norway
30. True
31. countryside
32. big wooden ship
33. ship, skiers
34. North Pole
35. south
36. no

Chapter Two The Race

21. island
22. False
23. 2
24. 99
25. no
26. 3 hours
27. bad, dirty, ill
28. no
29. September 9
30. map
31. 2
32. North Pole, America
33. no one
34. American, British
35. understand
36. True
37. dogs, skiers
38. a minute or two
39. laughed
40. race, can't, wonderful, go

Chapter Three The Ponies

1. New Zealand
2. a newspaper man
3. win
4. no
5. a newspaper
6. SOUTH POLE
7. white
8. Scott
9. yes
10. front, men, money, 8, dogs
11. tomorrow
12. most old, some ill
13. beautiful, wonderful
14. no
15. 19 ponies, in a small room, we eat below them, table often wet, dirty, Scott makes mistakes, Antarctica dangerous

Chapter Four Food Depots

31. January 1911
32. False
33. dogs
34. skis
35. big wooden house
36. house
37. holes under the snow
38. a lot of food
39. 5, 3, 18
40. -7, -17
41. 50 or 60
42. 80
43. yes
44. left, right
45. 82
46. harder, -40
47. 60
48. March 25
49. Jan 25
50. 13, 8, 26
51. False
52. ponies
53. 3, ponies
54. kill
55. no
56. kill
57. 3, 2
58. False
59. 1
60. 7

Chapter Five A Long Cold Winter

19. 4
20. -60
21. True
22. stronger, better, faster
23. Scott
24. men, sledges
25. no
26. angry
27. snow, slow
28. False
29. August 24
30. dangerous, stupid
31. no
32. no
33. food, football, newspaper, books
34. Oates
35. map of Antarctica
36. November 3

Chapter Six A Bad Start

1. August 23
2. half an hour
3. -46
4. 2 weeks
5. -37
6. 86
7. 28 kms
8. 28 kms
9. -56
10. 28 kms
11. no
12. himself
13. 37 kms
14. 2
15. False
16. 9 hours
17. 4 pm
18. 2
19. midnight
20. Johansen
21. False
22. nothing
23. a letter
24. South Pole
25. Scott, motor

Chapter Seven Motor Sledges and Mountains

27. 2
28. True
29. 4
30. no
31. no
32. no
33. no
34. no
35. 8, 8, 8
36. 3 or 4
37. 5
38. 5, 4, 48
39. 50 metres
40. food, equipment, warm, fast
41. front, behind
42. no one
43. broken
44. on foot
45. £1,000, ponies, 32
46. pony died
47. mountains
48. Hanssen
49. True
50. 4, 81, 3,000
51. False
52. ?no

Chapter Eight Across the Plateau

30. 30
31. 3, 18
32. other dogs and men
33. friends, food
34. True
35. 4
36. 25 or 30
37. sun came out
38. 175 kms
39. 5
40. 4 days
41. killed the ponies
42. back to Cape Evans
43. the men
44. 2
45. 8
46. 24
47. True
48. no
49. 2
50. 4
51. feet
52. no
53. 270 kms
54. 5
55. yes
56. 6 kms
57. first man
58. laugh

Chapter Nine The End of the Race

35. 2 days
36. Norwegian flag
37. food, letter, letter
38. yes
39. 10
40. food
41. 50
42. 4 am
43. small black flag
44. 2 kms
45. 17 January 1912
46. day, tired, feet, hands, -30, snowstorm, awful
47. NORWAY
48. husband
49. hungry
50. no
51. no
52. black
53. died
54. pony
55. warm, food
56. birthday
57. 32
58. his mother
59. no
60. the Englishmen
61. September 11
62. January 3
63. no
64. all winter
65. 2 weeks
66. 3
67. no
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