

Key Vocabulary

Depot	A place where large amounts of raw materials or other supplies are kept until they are needed.
Rations	Having a limited amount of food or supplies for each person.
Compass	A compass is an instrument that you use for finding directions.
Frostbite	When parts of your body become damaged due to being very cold.
Capsize	A boat turns upside down in the water.
Dehydration	The amount of water in the body is dangerously low.
Blizzard	A very heavy snowstorm with strong winds.
Gale	A very strong wind.
Glacier	Extremely large ice blocks that move very slowly, often down a mountain valley.
Primary Source	First-hand account of an event.
Secondary Source	Accounts written after the event by people who were not directly involved.
Endurance	The ability to continue with a difficult situation



Sir Ernest Shackleton



The Endurance stuck in pack ice



Shackleton travelled to Antarctica (the South Pole)

The Story of Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance

- 1) Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton was born on 1874 and died in 1922.
- 2) In August 1914, he set out to be the first man to cross the South Polar Continent known as Antarctica.
- 3) Shackleton's crew was made of 26 men and 69 dogs. His ship was called Endurance.
- 4) Endurance became stuck in the pack ice in the Weddell Sea and the men had to evacuate.
- 5) The ice began to crush the ship.
- 6) Endurance sank on 21st November 1915.
- 7) The crew first set up camp on the ice but later found 'Elephant Island' an ice-covered mountain island off the coast of Antarctica.
- 8) After 16 months, Shackleton took a single boat and 2 crew-members to South Georgia to seek help.
- 9) When they arrived in South Georgia, the trek was a struggle. They walked across thick snow, gullies, deep crevasses and glaciers.
- 10) They arrived at a Whaling Station and the government of Chile sent a ship to rescue the remaining men on Elephant Island.
- 11) No member of the crew died during the expedition.
- 12) Shackleton became known as a hero for his bravery and perseverance.