

ENGLISH

YEAR 4

READING

Antarctic Adventures



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**Practice questions**

In this booklet there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways.

Here are some practice questions. To help you answer these questions, look at the cover and read page 3 of your reading booklet.

- **Multiple choice answers**

A The title of the booklet is

Tick **one**

Antarctica

☐

The South Pole

☐

Antarctic Adventures

☐

Adventures at the South Pole

☐☐

1 mark
(practice)

- **Short answers**

B Where is Antarctica?

☐

1 mark
(practice)



These questions are about *Antarctica* (pages 4 and 5).

1. Which of these animals live in Antarctica?

Tick **two**

- penguins ☐
- polar bears ☐
- ponies ☐
- seals ☐
- brown bears ☐

☐

1 mark

2. Complete the table to show whether the sentences are **true** or **false**.

One has been done for you.

	True (T) or False (F)?
Inuit people live in Antarctica.	F
Scientists work in Antarctica.	
The research stations are built of wood.	
On top of the ice is permafrost.	

☐

1 mark



3. It says in the text that Antarctica is about 60 times larger than the United Kingdom.

Why do you think the writer has included this fact?

Tick **one**

to show how cold it is

☐

to show how big it is

☐

because the writer likes Antarctica

☐

because the writer likes the UK

☐
☐

1 mark

4. What is the weather like most of the time in Antarctica?

Tick **three**

wet

☐

dry

☐

snowy

☐

windy

☐

cold

☐

warm

☐
☐

1 mark

5. What helps to make the research stations comfortable places to stay in?

Find **one** thing.

☐

1 mark

Please turn over.

Total

☐

Max 5



6. Here is some more information about Antarctica.

Look at the headings on pages 4 and 5.

Make up your own heading that could go with this information.

Antarctica is a very difficult place for plants to live. It is dark underneath the thick ice and only a few plants can survive.



2 marks

7. What is the purpose of the text on pages 4 and 5?

Tick **one**

to persuade people to visit Antarctica

☐

to give you background information

☐

to tell you who lives there

☐

to tell you how to get to Antarctica

☐


1 mark



These questions are about *The Race to the South Pole* (pages 6–8).

8. Which country was Amundsen from?

Tick **one**

Britain ☐

Norway ☐

Canada ☐

Antarctica ☐

☐

1 mark

9. What inspired Amundsen to become an explorer?

☐

1 mark

10. When was Amundsen's ship freed from the ice?

Tick **one**

Winter 1898 ☐

October 1911 ☐

March 1899 ☐

December 1911 ☐

☐

1 mark

11. Who was the race to the South Pole between?

 and

☐

1 mark

Please turn over.

Total

☐

Max 7



The Race to the South Pole

12. Find **two** things that Amundsen learned from the Inuit people.

1. _____

2. _____

☐

2 marks

13. Why was it useful for Amundsen to learn from the Inuit people?

☐

1 mark

14. Look at the first paragraph on page 7.

Find and copy the words that show what Amundsen's crew thought of him.

☐

1 mark

15a. What did Amundsen do when he heard that an American had reached the North Pole?

☐

1 mark

15b. Why do you think he did this?

☐

1 mark

16. *the news "The North Pole is reached!" flashed all over the world. (page 7)*

What does the use of the word *flashed* tell you about the news?

☐

1 mark

The Race to the South Pole

17. How did Scott's team find out that they had lost the race?
(page 8)

1 mark

18. Put these events in Amundsen's life in order.
The first one has been done for you.

spent two years with the Inuit people

planned to explore the North Pole

trained as a ship's captain

raised flag at the South Pole

got trapped in ice

2 marks

19. Decide which team these statements are about.
One has been done for you.

	Scott's team	Amundsen's team
spent several months at their Antarctic base		✓
had tractors		
did not survive the journey		
travelled in the same way as the Inuit people		
travelled in a team of 12		

2 marks

Please stop here.
If you have time, go back and check your work.

Total

Max 12



Antarctic Adventures





These questions are about *Visiting Antarctica* (pages 9–11).

20. What is Lizzie Greenwood's job?

Tick **one**

researcher

☐

reporter

☐

chef

☐

producer

☐
☐

1 mark

21. Where was Lizzie's base?

Tick **one**

James Clark Ross

☐

Lagoon Island

☐

Rothera Research Station

☐

North Pole

☐
☐

1 mark

Look at the diary entry for Sunday 7th December.

22. Find **one** thing Lizzie says people miss in Antarctica.

☐

1 mark

Please turn over.

Total

☐

Max 3



Visiting Antarctica

23. *The ship's here!*

What does this tell you about how everyone felt about the ship's arrival?

☐

1 mark

Look at the diary entry for Friday 12th December.

24. Why is beautiful weather good news for everyone?

Give **two** reasons.

1. _____

2. _____

☐

2 marks

25. Why is *dotted* a good word to describe where the people are in Antarctica?

☐

1 mark

26. *'over and out'*

Why has Lizzie used these words in her diary?

☐

1 mark



Look at the diary entry for Sunday 14th December.

27. Why does Lizzie put *very fast* in brackets?

Tick **one**

to show how far they went

☐

to explain where they were going

☐

to explain how fast 23 knots is

☐

to show that she liked travelling fast

☐
☐

1 mark

28. *bang, thump, giggle*

What does this tell you about Lizzie's feelings about the boat ride?

☐

2 marks

29. *Lagoon Island was pretty cool.*

The word 'cool' can have two different meanings.

What are they?

☐

2 marks

Please turn over.

Total

☐

Max 10



30. Lizzie says that people go to Lagoon Island when they *want to escape*.

What does this tell you about life at Rothera Research Station?

☐

1 mark

31. Why do you think Lizzie says *the penguins must have been holding their wings over their ears*?

☐

1 mark

32. Now that you have read Lizzie's diary, would you like to go to Antarctica?

Tick **one**

yes

☐

no

☐

yes and no

☐

Explain your answer using details from the diary.

☐

2 marks



These questions are about the whole booklet.

33. People have visited Antarctica for different reasons.

Match the visitor with the reason for their visit.

Roald Amundsen •

• *to report on what staying
in Antarctica is like*

Scientists •

• *to study the area*

Lizzie Greenwood •

• *to be the first to reach
the South Pole*

☐

1 mark

34. The whole booklet is called 'Antarctic Adventures'.

Who do you think had the more exciting adventure?

Tick **one**

Roald Amundsen

☐

Lizzie Greenwood

☐

Explain your answer.

☐

2 marks

Total

☐

Max 7

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