

Cloze Activity

Read the passage below and fill in the blanks.

Please note, only one word is to be filled in for each blank.

Top tip: Check your work! Read over the passage when you have completed the task.

Tom Crean

Tom Crean was born in Annascaul, County Kerry in 1877. His parents _____ farmers. Tom dreamed of one day becoming a sailor. When he was 15, he stole a suit and some money and went to _____ the Royal Navy.

Tom's first expedition was with Captain Robert Scott on the ship 'Discovery'. Their aim was to be the first explorers to reach the South Pole. Their ship got into _____ along the way, getting stuck in ice for almost two years. Despite this, they set a record as the explorers that got the closest to the South Pole. They were just 575 miles from their goal.

They _____ again a few years later in 1911. The men boarded the ship 'Terra Nova', along with 16 others. While on their way, Captain Scott decided that only 5 of the men should finish the journey. Tom was not _____ and was devastated.

While Scott's team did manage to _____ the South Pole, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen got there first and beat Scott's team. On their return journey, Scott and his four _____ died of frostbite due to a severe drop in temperatures.

Tom joined Ernest Shackleton on an expedition to Antarctica in 1914. This mission was _____ 'Endurance',

after the boat on which they would travel. Their aim was to walk across Antarctica, from coast to coast. While on their way, their boat became _____ in ice for almost 10 months. This brought them miles off course with no means of communication. After many months, the boat was crushed by ice. The team took refuge on Elephant Island. Tom led a small team back to South Georgia, where the mission had begun. He was able to get help and Shackleton's team were saved.

Tom returned to Ireland and _____ a pub called the 'South Pole Inn' in Annascaul, County Kerry. He died in 1938. Score: /10



Cloze Activity Answers

Please note that some of the answers can differ from the answers below. Accept other suitable words if the children use them.

Tom Crean was born in Annascaul, County Kerry in 1877. His parents **were** farmers. Tom dreamed of one day becoming a sailor. When he was 15, he stole a suit and some money and went to **join** the Royal Navy.

Tom's first expedition was with Captain Robert Scott on the ship 'Discovery'. Their aim was to be the first explorers to reach the South Pole. Their ship got into **difficulty** along the way, getting stuck in ice for almost two years. Despite this, they set a record as the explorers that got the closest to the South Pole. They were just 575 miles from their goal.

They **tried** again a few years later in 1911. The men boarded the ship 'Terra Nova', along with 16 others. While on their way, Captain Scott decided that only 5 of the men should finish the journey. Tom was not **chosen** and was devastated. While Scott's team did manage to **reach** the South Pole, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen got there first and beat Scott's team. On their return journey, Scott and his four **companions** died of frostbite due to a severe drop in temperatures.

Tom joined Ernest Shackleton on an expedition to Antarctica in 1914. This mission was **named** 'Endurance', after the boat on which they would travel. Their aim was to walk across Antarctica, from coast to coast. While on their way, their boat became **stuck** in ice for almost 10 months. This brought them miles off course with no means of communication. After many months, the boat was crushed by ice. The team took refuge on Elephant Island. Tom led a small team back to South Georgia, where the mission had begun. He was able to get help and Shackleton's team were saved.

Tom returned to Ireland and **opened** a pub called the 'South Pole Inn' in Annascaul, Co. Kerry. He died in 1938.