**Antarctic Adventure**

Introduction and Chapter 1

1. Write 2 facts about Antarctica from page 4.
2. What was special about their trip to Antarctica? (p5)
3. What could they not afford to have? (p7)
4. What were the 2 aims of their trip? (p7)
5. What did the author compare the journey to? (p8)
6. How were they feeling by the end of day one? (p9)
7. What did Ranulph compare his sledge to? (p10)
8. What was driving them crazy? (p11)

**Extension:** Think about a time in your life where you have done something really difficult. Write at least 3 sentences explaining what it was and how you felt. Try to include a simile.

Chapter 2

1. What do you think the author means by ‘blinding white ice’? (p14)
2. What is a common problem on small expiditions? (p14)
3. What is a ‘white-out’? (p16 or glossary)
4. Why did they have to go extra slow? (p16)
5. What happened to Mike on p17? (use your own words)
6. What 2 things tell us how Mike was feeling when he was rescued? (p19)
7. Choose 3 things from the list of equipment on the sledge and say why you think each is important. (p20)
8. What was shocking about the sight from their tent? (p21)

**Extension:** List 5 interesting sentence openers from the chapter.

Chapter 3

1. Why did they attach sails to the sledge? (p22)
2. What was the problem that Mike spotted too late? (p22-23)
3. What had saved Mikes life? (p24)
4. What coul Mike hear echoing? (p24)
5. What did they have to do to fix the sledge? (p25)
6. What was the second problem that threatened their trip? (p26)
7. What did they need to cooker for? (p26)
8. What do you think the word ‘bodged’ means? (look at the sentence it is in p27)

**Extension:** list 10 foods you would take with you on an expedition.

Chapter 4

1. Why would they regret throwing away their jackets? (p28)
2. What had caused Ranulph’s lips to stick together? (p29)
3. What caused the hairy soup? (p30)
4. What was building up between the 2 men? (p31)
5. What was a real nightmare for Ranulph? (p32)
6. What were both men secretly wishing? (p32)
7. What 2 things did they make to help them? (p33-34)
8. Why do you think they were always friends when they were in the tent?

**Extension:** write 10 adjectives used in the chapter.

Chapter 5

1. Why were the sledges making travelling up hill difficult? (p36)
2. What were they trying to reach? (p37)
3. How were the sledges making things difficult when climbing the ‘sastrugi’? (p37)
4. What was wrong with Mike’s foot and what was he taking for it? (p38)
5. What did they celebrate with? (p39)
6. How did things get worse? (p40)
7. Other than telling the time, why did they need a watch? (p42)
8. What made Mike feel better? (p43)

**Extension:** write 10 verbs used in the chapter.

Chapter 6

1. Think of two other words the author could have used instead of ‘cold’ on page 45.
2. Why could they not use the sail? (p46)
3. List three bad things that happened on page 47.
4. What was stuck to Ranulph’s beard? (p48)
5. What did they begin to suspect each other of doing? (p49)
6. What happened to Mike when he took his goggles off? (p50-51)
7. How much weight had they lost by day 51? (p52)
8. What caused Mike not to be able to think clearly? (p53)

**Extension:** make a list of all the injuries they had in chapters 1-6.

Chapter 7

1. Who did they drink tea with at the south pole? (p54)
2. What did they regret doing and why? (p55)
3. Why did Mike have to borrow a ski stick from Ranulph? (p56)
4. List the problems they had on page 58 and 59.
5. What happened to them when they got on to the warm plane? (p60)
6. What three things did they achieve by completing their journey? (p61)
7. Name three species of whale found in the Antarctic. (p62)
8. What could happen if the Western Ice sheet melts? (p63)

**Extension:** use the computer to find 5facts about the Antarctic.