

Deepening Understanding

YR6 Journal Text

Targeted Vocabulary and Word Meaning Questions

This set of questions is based upon the text 'Shackleton's Diary' - a recreation by Laura Curtis.

Q1

In the diary entry marked 8th May. Find and copy the phrase that shows his surroundings were eye-catching.

1 Mark

Q2

Circle a word that the author could use to replace the word 'optimism' in the first diary entry.

pessimism

buoyancy

cheerfulness

confidence

1 Mark

Q3

Look at the diary entry '8th May 1916'. Find and copy ~~two~~ words or phrases that show Ernest was powerless.

2 Marks



Q4

What does the phrase *'with relief still flowing in my blood'* mean in the second diary entry?

1 Mark

Q5

Look at the sentence beginning *'it is by sheer miracle.'*
What does the word *'sheer'* mean?

1 Mark

Q6

In the 9th May 1916 diary entry, what word from the passage suggests that the ice had a lot of force?

1 Mark



Q7

Look at the quote below. What does the word 'salvaged' tell you about Shackleton's last thinking?

'We had little gear: three days of provisions; a compass, that I had salvaged before the ship sunk...'

2 Marks

Q8

Using paragraph 7, find and copy two different phrases that show the journey was demanding.

2 Marks

