

Disaster

About seventy years ago, A Dutch ship was (1) near the North Pole; it (2) heading for Blacklead Island. On the ship was a scientist, Edgard Greenhead, who (3) worked on the island for many years; he had (4) conducting research into the life of the local inhabitants, who were Eskimos (Inuits). Greenhead had been (5) for a long holiday and now he was back in the island to (6) his work.

At about midnight, Greenhead felt very tired as he had been (7) his journal all day. After he had (8) good-night to the captain, he (9) down to his cabin. Outside (10) was a strong wind, and the waves (11) crashing onto the side of the ship. Greenhead was just (12) ready to climb into his bunk when he suddenly (13) a great crash. He dashed up on deck and although it was dark he (14) see that the ship had (15) into an iceberg.