Read the text about the first people to go to the South Pole:

The race to the South Pole

Where is the South Pole? It's in Antarctica, which is one of the coldest places in the world. In winter, the temperature can be minus sixty degrees centigrade (–60°C)!

Robert Falcon Scott, a British explorer, was born in 1868. He wanted to be the first man to go to the South Pole. But another explorer wanted to do the same thing. His name was Roald Amundsen. He was born in 1872 in Norway. Scott didn't know that Amundsen was also planning to go to the South Pole.

Amundsen and Scott both travelled to Antarctica by ship. Both men started to travel across Antarctica in October 1911. They put their equipment on sledges. Amundsen and four other men arrived at the South Pole on 11th December, after nearly two months of walking and skiing. They arrived at the Pole first. They won the race.

Scott and four other men arrived at the South Pole on 17th January 1912, five weeks after Amundsen. Scott saw the Norwegian flag and he was extremely disappointed. Then he started to return home. But Scott and his men didn't arrive home. Scott died on 29th March 1912 in his sleeping bag, in his tent.

Scott's expedition had many problems. One big problem was that they used horses to pull the sledges. Amundsen and his men used dogs. Horses aren't good at walking on snow and ice, but dogs are. The horses didn't like the cold, and they died. After this the men pulled the sledges. Another problem was the terrible weather. A third problem was that his men weren't good at skiing. The Norwegians were very good at skiing!

Complete the activities:

2 Find the words in the text. Write the words. Find the secret word.

1 When you win a R A C E, you are the first person to finish.
2 Amundsen was from _____.
3 A thermometer tells us the _____.
4 Scott and Amundsen were _____.
5 The South Pole is in _____.
6 When you're camping, you sleep in a _____.
7 When it snows, you can travel on a _____.

Explorers always use a _____.

3 Read and write *True* or *False*.

1 Dogs are good at walking on snow. True
2 Scott and Amundsen arrived at the South Pole in 1911. _____
3 Five men arrived at the South Pole on 17th January 1912. _____
4 Amundsen was older than Scott. _____
5 Scott's horses helped to transport his equipment. _____

4 Complete the paragraphs about the two explorers.

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(1) Roald Amundsen was a (2) _____ explorer. He was born in (3) _____. He arrived at the South Pole on (4) _____. He used (5) _____ to pull his sledges. His men (6) _____ good at skiiing. He (7) _____ the first explorer to go to the South Pole.

Roald Amundsen

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(1) Robert Falcon Scott was a (2) _____ explorer. He was born in (3) _____. He arrived at the South Pole on (4) _____. He used (5) _____ to pull his sledges. His men (6) _____ good at skiiing. He (7) _____ the second explorer to go to the South Pole.

Robert Falcon Scott