

POLAR TRAVEL

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the root word on the right.

The Scott Polar Research Institute (SPR) was established in 1920 as a (1) _____ place for polar explorers and researchers. It is named after Captain Scott, the leader of the legendary and ill-fated expedition to the South Pole that took place between 1910 and 1913.

Scott recognized the importance of the new medium of photography for purposes of generating (2) _____ and appointed a professional photographer to accompany his voyage to those icy and inhospitable regions. This photographer's (3) _____ images of the expedition form a (4) _____ part of the Institute's collection of archive material, and remind us of the (5) _____ demanded of the early polar explorers.

In the past, while some polar expeditions were (6) _____ scientific, others were driven by pure (7) _____ instinct. Nowadays, the principal reason for setting foot at the poles is scientific research; ice and air are very precise indicators of levels of climate change, which is why, during coffee breaks at the Scott Polar Research Institute today, the (8) _____ is that you will find groups of (9) _____, rather than explorers, exchanging ideas. Everyone admires those (10) _____ early pioneers, but today the main purpose of travel to those frozen, (11) _____ regions, the last wilderness on Earth, is environment science.

(1) meet

(2) public

(3) atmosphere

(4) signify

(5) hero

(6) true

(7) compete

(8) likely

(9) academy

(10) courage

(11) spoil

