

- 4 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs below. Only use a form of *be able to* if no other verbs are possible.

(not) be able to   can / can't   could / couldn't  
managed to / didn't manage to



The Antarctic is a hostile environment to explore. Not only <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the temperature drop well below  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but also fierce blizzards sometimes mean not <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ leave your tent for days on end. And yet the region has always fascinated explorers, many of whom go there hoping <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ reach the South Pole. The first person to reach it was the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, who <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ get there in December 1911. A British expedition led by Robert Scott also <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ reach the Pole, but 33 days after Amundsen. Tragically, Scott and his men <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ complete the return journey, and died.

Improvements in transport and communications mean that these days anyone <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ visit the Antarctic, and several holiday companies offer excursions there. In the future, though, new laws <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ limit the number of visitors, in order to protect the natural environment and wildlife.

- 5 Write a true sentence about  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**