

Antarctic



Adventure

On 1 December 2014, 16-year-old Lewis Clarke got on a plane. Nineteen hours later he arrived in Antarctica. Lewis didn't go there with his parents. He went there with an explorer, Carl Alvey. Lewis was on a Polar expedition – he wanted to be the youngest person to go to the South Pole!

The journey was difficult and dangerous. Lewis travelled 700 miles and skied for eight hours every day. His backpack was heavy – inside there was a tent, clothes, food, a torch and a camera. He also had his schoolwork!

After 48 days, Lewis arrived at the South Pole. He was happy, and he phoned his parents. Then he had his favourite meal – spaghetti bolognese!

Lewis was the youngest person to go to the South Pole, but it wasn't his first world record. When he was twelve, he swam the English Channel with five other schoolchildren. Is Lewis cool – or just crazy?

3 Exam Spot Read the text again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Lewis was the youngest person to go to South Pole.
- 2 He went to Antarctica with _____.
- 3 He skied for _____ every day.
- 4 The journey took _____ days.
- 5 At the South Pole, Lewis phoned his parents and ate _____.
- 6 He swam the English Channel when he was _____ old.