

The Antarctic Explorers' Huts (News February 12, 2015)



• Glossary :

- _ To set up a house : Levantar unacabaña.
- _ Landmark: Monumentos histórico.
- _ Former heydays : Antiguos apogeos.
- _ Shelter : Refugio.
- _ Southernmost : Más meridional.
- _ To unearth: Desenterrar.
- _ Libations: Libaciones, bebidas.
- _ Roughly: Aproximadamente.
- _ Lead conservator: El líder de restauradores.
- _ Seepage : Filtración.
- _ Harsh : Áspero.
- _ Turning off the tap: Cerrar el grifo.
- _ Mostly sourced from London: En su mayoría procedente de Londres.
- _ To patch : Parchear.
- _ To batten down the roofs: Poner listones en ...
- _ Tarps : Lonas.
- _ Stuffed penguin: Pinguino disecado.
- _ Remarkable foresight: Previsión destacada

- _First and foremost : Primero y ante todo
- _Timber-frame hut: Cabaña de vigas de madera
- _ To drift: flotar , ir a la deriva.
- _ To seep: Filtrarse.
- _ Nooks : Rincónes .
- _ Crannies: Grietas.
- _ Moist : Húmedo.
- _ Mold and fungi: Moho y hongos.
- _ _refreshes and expands: Vuelve a congelarse y se expande.
- _ _squeezing walls and joints apart: _apretando las paredes y las juntas de separación.
- _ Layer of frozen soil: Capa de tierra helada.
- _ Ground water : Aguas subterráneas.
- _ Moisture: hidratación / Humedad.
- _ To reassemble : Volver a montar.

• Look for synonyms for these expressions or words :

- I. Important historical places :
- 1. The team of people working on a ship or expedition:
- 2. Drink :
- 3. To put small pieces on something to prevent a hole from becoming bigger :
- 5. Kept :
- 6. Extraordinary :
- 7. The space under a semi-sphere :
- 8. Small piece of metal used to hang on something on walls :
- 9. Verb used to mean the flow of water in small quantities when something is broken or in bad condition :
- 10. To build something again using the same pieces:

• Are these sentences true or false ? Quote the text to justify your answers :

4. The Nimrod hut is 40 foot long or 15 meters.

2. The total number of huts found in the Antarctica was four.



3. The Antarctica Heritage Trust decided to restore the explorer's huts based on New Zealand.



4. The restoration works lasted eight years.

5. Mc Donald & Lawrence is a carpentry company from Vancouver Island in charge of the restoration works.

6. The main reason for the bad condition in which the huts were found recently was the vandalism and the thefts (=robos) from tourists.

7. Most of the buildings were originally made and brought from London.

8. The objects and devices inside the huts were in good condition because of the freezing temperatures.

9. When the restoration works started in 2005, their first objective was to protect the huts from the snow and the water leakage inside.

10. The maximum amount of time spent by the team at the site has been ten weeks in autumn.

