



Impossible Row

What is the Drake Passage?

- The Drake Passage is a stretch of water between Chile and Antarctica.
- It is known for being very stormy and dangerous to cross.

Photo: Approaching Antarctica from the sea.

First Team to Row to Antarctica

Six rowers have done something no one else has. They've rowed to the Antarctic!

The Drake Passage is a **stretch** of water between Chile and Antarctica. It has dangerous waves and difficult weather.

On the 13th December, six people started rowing across the Drake Passage. They called the journey 'the impossible row'.

They rowed all day and all night. They even slept on the rowing boat!

The team **navigated** across 600 miles.

rowers. By finishing 'the impossible row' he became the first person to row on all five oceans!

Colin O'Brady already has a record. He was the first person to cross Antarctica alone without support.

Over 100 years ago, the first person reached the south pole. Today, **adventurers** are still exploring the world.

Who knows what amazing firsts will happen in the new **decade**?

That's about the length of the whole of the United Kingdom.

On Christmas Day, they reached Antarctica.

Colin O'Brady was one of the rowers.

"I'm extremely proud of the team," he wrote on social media.

The Guinness World Records' website says that they broke nine records.

They were the first team to ever row across the Drake Passage and the first team to row to Antarctica.

Fiann Paul was another of the team's

Glossary

stretches A continuous area of land or water.

navigated To have planned and travelled along a route, often by ship.

adventurers A person who seeks adventure or wants to explore something new.

decade A period of 10 years.

Reading Mission

30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read the newspaper article 'Impossible Row'.
After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are below.

1. "I'm extremely proud of the team," he wrote on social media.'
Tick the word which is closest in meaning to 'extremely' in this sentence.
 - certainly
 - loudly
 - slightly
 - very
2. Find the names of two of the rowers.
 1. _____
 2. _____
3. When did the team arrive at Antarctica.
 - 13th December
 - Christmas Day
 - 20th January
 - 25th January
4. Find a piece of evidence which shows that Colin O'Brady was pleased with the other rowers.

5. Why do you think this journey was called "the impossible row"?

6. Summarise the news story in 15 words or fewer.

Answers

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2. Find the names of two of the rowers.
Accept Colin O'Brady and Fiann Paul
3. When did the team arrive at Antarctica.
 - 13th December
 - Christmas Day**
 - 20th January
 - 25th January
4. Find a piece of evidence which shows that Colin O'Brady was pleased with the other rowers.
"I'm extremely proud of the team," he wrote on social media.
5. Why do you think this journey was called "the impossible row"?
Accept any reasonable answer which refers to the news story, e.g. I think it's called "the impossible row" because it is very difficult to row across the Drake Passage.
6. Summarise the news story in 15 words or fewer.
Accept any reasonable summary which is 15 words or fewer, e.g. A team of six rowers are the first to row to Antarctica.

Writing Mission
30 mins

In today's writing mission you are going to be up levelling sentences. That means making them even better.

Here are some reminders to help you with this task.

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows. There is a fronted adverbial word mat at the end of this document to help you.

An expanded noun phrase is a phrase made up of a noun and at least one adjective. If one or more adjectives are listed to describe the noun, a comma should be added to separate the sentence.

A Long and Lonely Road



1. Make a list of adjectives to describe the road and it's surroundings.
Remember an adjective is a describing word.
2. Use your adjectives to create expanded noun phrases in the sentence below.

The _____ road ran past a _____ field.

3. Next, use a fronted adverbial to give extra detail about the road.

_____, the _____ road ran past a _____ field.

4. Finally, choose one of the following subordinating conjunctions and complete the sentence to add extra detail about the road.

after	although	as	because	before
if	since	until	when	while

Complete your sentence by adding a subordinate clause beginning with a subordinating conjunction, which gives extra information about the road.

_____, the _____ road ran past a _____ field.

Examples:

Use your amazing adjectives or modifying nouns to create expanded noun phrases:

The long, straight road ran past a luscious, green field.

Next, use a fronted adverbial to give extra detail about the road:

Early one morning, the long, straight road ran past a luscious, green field.

Finally, choose one of the following subordinating conjunctions:

after	although	as	because	before
if	since	until	when	while

Complete your sentence by adding a subordinate clause beginning with a subordinating conjunction, which gives extra information about the road.

Early one morning, the long, straight road ran past a luscious, green field until it came to a river.

Maths Mission
30 mins

Today you will be using the bus stop method to solve worded division problems. If you missed Wednesday and Thursday's learning please go back to see how to use this method and for practise questions ahead of completing these worded problems.

1. A farmer has 84 cows. In the milking shed he puts 7 cows in each row. How many rows will he need to milk all cows?
2. A factory puts cakes into boxes of 4. How many boxes can 92 cakes fill?
3. Grandma Jones has £96 to share between 3 grandchildren for their birthdays. How much money will each grandchild receive?
4. A swimming club has 76 members. Each member is put into one of 4 teams. How many children will be on each team?
5. A farmer has 78 eggs. A box takes 6 eggs. How many boxes will he need to transport all the eggs?

Answers

1. 12
2. 23
3. £32
4. 19
5. 13

Topic Mission
Ideas for the
week.
Choose activities
based on what
interests you.

Continued from Monday.

Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards, Already, Always, Immediately, Last month, Now, Soon, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Next year, In January, On Tuesday, In the morning, After a while, As soon as she could, Before long, All of a sudden, In the blink of an eye, Just then, Eventually, Later,	Often, Again, Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Yearly, Sometimes, Rarely, Every second, Twice a year, Once a minute, Once, Once or twice, Three times, Constantly, Regularly, Frequently, Infrequently, Occasionally, Rarely, Never in my life, Never before,	Above the clouds, Below the sea, Here, Outside, Over there, There, Under the ground, Upstairs, In the distance, Between the sea and the sky, Everywhere she looked, Around the tent, Back at the house, Nearby, Down by the cliffs, Behind the shed, In the wooden box, Over my bed, Somewhere near here, Far away, Wherever they went, North of here,	Sadly, Slowly, Happily, Awkwardly, Bravely, Like a ... , As quick as a flash, As fast as he could, Without a sound, Without warning, Unexpectedly, Unfortunately, Suddenly, Mysteriously, Frantically, Anxiously, Courageously, Silently, Curiously, Nervously, Rapidly, Carefully,	Almost unbelievably, Much admired, Nearly asleep, Quite understandably, Really happily, Perhaps, Maybe, Just arrived, Certainly amused, Obviously angry, Definitely confused, Completely exhausted, Barely alive, Out of breath, Decidedly unimpressed, Perfectly confident, Positively trembling with excitement, Purely practically, Somewhat flustered, Utterly joyous, Totally overwhelmed,

