

Journey into Danger!

Surviving on Elephant Island



The Challenge

Background

You are a party of weary explorers and you have just arrived on Elephant Island after a week at sea in three 7m long (22 ft) rowing boats.

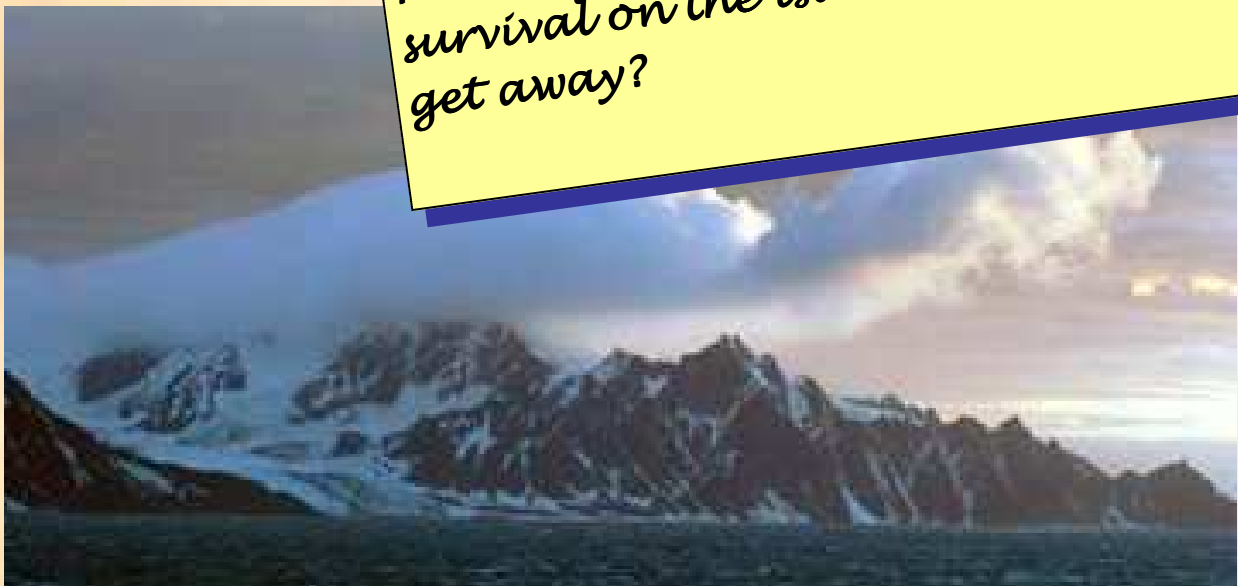
You are all cold, wet, underfed and exhausted.

How are you going to survive on this island of mountains, glaciers and freezing winds?

- Five of your friends have gone to get help.*
- You have no idea how long you are going to have to stay here before you will be rescued.*

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Information Sheet 1

Elephant Island is in the Southern Ocean and is very close to the Antarctic Peninsular (see the maps in your pack).

Nothing grows on this steep, rocky, inhospitable place. There is not even a decent beach, it's all rocks and boulders.

Weather. Snowy, extremely cold and very windy a lot of the time.

Food. There are penguins and seals on the island, but you realise that they are going migrate for the winter soon after you arrive. You managed to bring some salt and sugar with you and also some 'ships biscuits'.

You have not had any fresh fruit, vegetables or bread for months.

Drinking water has to be got by melting freshwater ice (the frozen sea would be too salty).

Shelter. The key is creating shelter, keeping warm and keeping fed—the tents you had are now in shreds—the wind was so strong.

You stay at Point Wild—it's the only place really.

Information Sheet 2

In your pack you will find:

- *Maps showing the area and the scale of the problem.*
- *Photographs of the area will help you to understand what it's like in the place where you have been stuck.*
- *You will need to use these documents to understand the problems you are going to face.*
- *Look very closely at these, there are clues that will help you.*
- *Documents that show how you got to be stuck here in the first place.*

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Your tasks

These are the tasks that you need to complete.

Once the plan has been completed and you are all happy with it you need to do these tasks:

Plan for survival and escape

Make sure that the plan has been agreed by each member of the group.

Interview

Two of the group should work on the scripting, performance and filming of an interview about the experience on the mountain.

Journal

Each member of the group should keep a journal or a diary in which they record their thoughts and feelings as the expedition proceeds

Art work

Sketches, maps, designs and paintings can be included in the finished poster

Poster

At the end of this project your group will have produced a large number of items. These should be presented to the rest of the group in the form of a large poster.

See separate task cards in your pack and decide who is going to do what.

All tasks must be completed.

Task record sheet

	Who is responsible	complete
Task 1 The Master Plan		
Task 2 Personal Writing		
Task 3 Art Work		
Task 4 Film		
Task 5 PowerPoint		
Task 6 Poster		