

# Year 2– English Homework

**Homework is due 22<sup>nd</sup> May**



We would like you to have a go at spelling these words, try to write it out four times, and correct yourself if you make a mistake, practice makes perfect!

Example

Square

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Spelling words	X1	X2	X3	X4
Badly				
Fiction				
Motion				
Option				
Slowly				

This week we have introduced our new word of the week, please practice spelling out the word a few times and writing down the definition.

Our word of the week this week is: **Vacant - empty or without emotion**

# Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Cat



**1<sup>st</sup> August 1914**

Dear Diary,

Today was a good day in my life as a cat! Harry McNish is my owner. He took me on a ship called the Endurance. This was led by a man called Ernest Shackleton. We left London and sailed towards the Antarctic.



**13<sup>th</sup> September 1914**

Dear Diary,

Everyone has been calling me Mrs Chippy. They have only just found out that I am a male cat! I have been chasing mice.

I jumped through a window tonight. I landed in the sea. I was there for around ten minutes. Someone saved me.


I think I should stick to eating fish!



## Questions

1. Where did the ship sail from? Tick one.
  - the Antarctic
  - Paris
  - London
2. **Harry McNish is my \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Tick one.
  - owner
  - brother
  - cook
3. What does Mrs Chippy chase? Tick one.
  - birds
  - frogs
  - mice
4. Where did Mrs Chippy jump? Tick one.
  - under a flag
  - through a window
  - through a door
5. How long was Mrs Chippy in the water for? Tick one.
  - around ten seconds
  - around ten minutes
  - around ten hours


## Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Cat



**1<sup>st</sup> August 1914**


Dear Diary,

Today was a good day. It was much more fun than a normal day in my life as a cat!



We set sail on a ship called the Endurance which was led by a man called Ernest Shackleton. We left London and sailed towards the Antarctic. Harry McNish is my owner and the ship's carpenter. A carpenter makes things out of wood. Harry found me sat on his toolbox before he went on the ship. He thought that he shouldn't leave me behind.

**13<sup>th</sup> September 1914**



Dear Diary,

We are over a month into our trip. Everyone has been calling me Mrs Chippy. They have only just found out that I am a male cat!

I have spent most of my time on the ship chasing mice and climbing. Lots of people on the ship like spending time with me.

I jumped through one of the small windows on the ship tonight. I landed in the sea. Someone heard me and the ship turned around to rescue me. I was in the cold sea for around ten minutes but they were able to save me with a net. I think I should do less climbing and stick to eating fish!

## Questions

1. Who was Mrs Chippy's owner? Tick one.

- Ernest Shackleton
- Harry McNish
- Paula Thomas

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

What was the name of the ship?

the Antarctic

Where did the ship sail towards?

a carpenter

What was Harry McNish's job?

Endurance

3. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they happened in the text.

- Ernest Shackleton led the ship.
- Someone saved Mrs Chippy with a net.
- Lots of people liked spending time with Mrs Chippy.

4. Look at the diary entry from **1<sup>st</sup> August 1914**.

Find and copy one word which shows where someone may keep a hammer.

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5. Fill in the missing word.

I have spent most of my time on the ship \_\_\_\_\_ mice and climbing.