

Monday 8th November

WALT: Comprehend texts

Watch short video about Ranulph Fiennes:

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Improving vocabulary: expedition

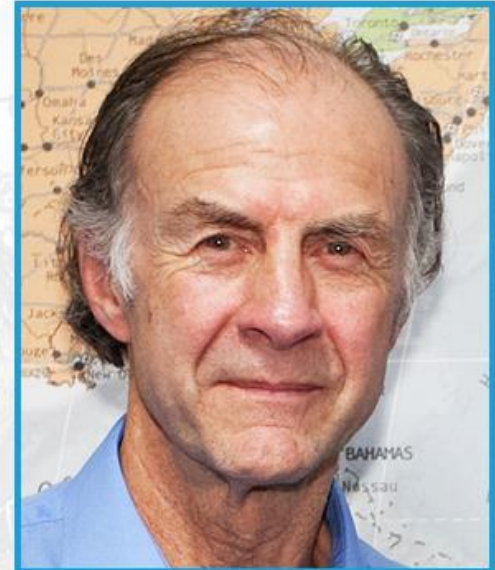
A journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration, research, or war.



Who Is Sir Ranulph Fiennes?

Sir Ranulph Fiennes is a British expedition leader who has broken world records, won many awards and completed expeditions on a range of different modes of transport. These include hovercraft, riverboat, manhaul sledge, snowmobile, skis and a four-wheel drive vehicle.

He is also the only living person who has travelled around the Earth's circumpolar surface.



Did You Know...?

Sir Ranulph does not call himself an explorer as he says he has only once mapped an unknown area.



Circumpolar means to go around the Earth's North Pole and South Pole.

The Beginning of an Expedition Leader

Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes was born on 7th March 1944 in Windsor, UK. His father was killed during the Second World War and after the war, Ranulph's mother moved the family to South Africa. He lived there until he was 12 years old. He returned to the UK where he continued his education, later attending Eton College.

Ranulph joined the British army, where he served for eight years in the same regiment that his father had served in, the Royal Scots Greys. While in the army, Ranulph taught soldiers how to ski and canoe. After leaving the army, Ranulph and his wife decided to earn money by leading expeditions.



Lifetime Achievements

Some of Sir Ranulph's greatest achievements are:

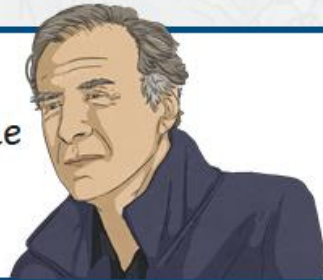
- discovering the lost city of Ubar on the Yemeni border;
- being made an honorary doctor of Birmingham City University;
- receiving the Sultan's Bravery Medal and the Polar Medal from the Queen;
- winning the Man of the Year Award;
- being presented with the Millenium Award for Navigation.

He has also endured temperatures of -30°C , removed the ends of his own frostbitten fingers, written 19 books and been named as top celebrity fundraiser having raised millions for the Marie Curie charity.

- Although he is now in his seventies, Sir Ranulph Fiennes still has expeditions to complete.

Watch this four-minute film of Sir Ranulph Fiennes talking about some of his life choices and experiences.

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Think About It!

Have you ever done something which really challenged you?
Is there anything you would like to do?



Retrieval

- 1) For how long did Sir Ranulph Fiennes serve in the army ?
- 2) How did he and his wife earn money ?

Words in context

- 3) Find and copy **one word** which means type.
- 4) Find and copy **one word** which means suffers patiently.

Inference

5) Why do you think that Sir Ranulph Fiennes does not describe himself as an explorer ?

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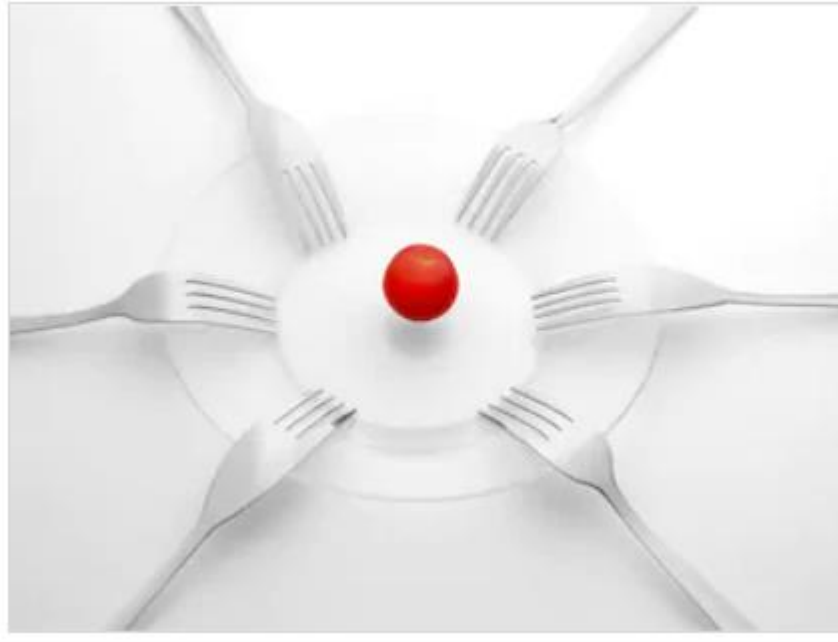
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Improving vocabulary

scarce

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not enough money for the demand e.g.
food, money or some other resource



Read text

In Flanders Field

by

John McCrae

In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.



About the poppy:

The Flanders poppy is also called the 'corn poppy' because of how well it grows. It was common in the trenches during the campaign. The poppy flowers in the northern hemisphere's spring, and was in flower when the Anzac troops landed.

About the poet:

In Flanders Fields was written on a page that was torn from a medical officer's despatch book in 1915 at the 2nd battle of Ypres. The author was Colonel John McCrae and he went to France during First World War as a medical officer with the 1st Canadian contingent.

Retrieval

- 1) What can hardly be heard and why ?
- 2) Where are the poppies growing ?

Words in context

3) Find and copy **one word** which means argument.

4) Find and copy **one word** which means enemy.

Inference

5) Who is supposed to be talking in this poem ?

6) 'To you from failing hands we throw,
The Torch; be yours to hold it high!
Describe what this line means.