

Text Completion Activity

Watch the video to learn about the aims of the Weddell Sea Expedition-2019.

Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

vessels	world-leading	data	little-studied	wreck	investigate	unprecedented	crushed
harsh	endeavour	contribute	inspire	forbidding			

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This ... (7) 45-day scientific expedition will ... (8) to navigate its way through the heavy sea ice, freezing temperatures and ... (9) weather of this extreme and... (10) environment, in order to solve unanswered questions about one of the most remote areas of our planet. By uncovering vital new scientific... (11), the expedition hopes to improve our understanding of the Weddell Sea, and to use that knowledge to ... (12) towards the protection of the region and to ... (13) young people about science, engineering and technology.

The Clues:

The Expedition

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Resources:

<http://reachtheworld.org/weddell-sea-expedition/gallery/let-expedition-begin>
<https://weddellseaexpedition.org/the-expedition/>