

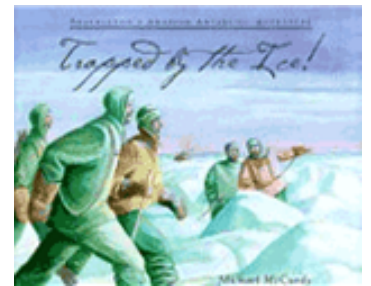
# Theme 5

## Voyagers



Title:

Trapped By the Ice



Author and Illustrator:

Michael McCurdy



Genre:

# Narrative Nonfiction

a retelling of a true story in which a series of actual events come to life



Comprehension Strategy:

## Monitor/Clarify

To ask questions about what you still need to understand

Did that  
make sense?



# Comprehension Skill:



## Text Organization

# Comprehension Skill Review:

Sequence of Event; Topic, Main Idea, Supporting Details

## Spelling Focus:

### The VCCV Pattern

Basic:

Monday	sudden	until
forget	happen	follow
dollar	window	hello
market	pretty	order

Review:  
**after**  
**funny**

Challenge:  
**stubborn**  
**expect**

**Key Concept:**

Sir Ernest Shackleton's  
historic Antarctic  
Journey



## Key Vocabulary:

**barren**- having little plant or animal life



**crevasse**- deep hole or crack



**deserted**- empty; not lived in, or having few or no people

**floes**- large sheets of floating ice



**grueling**- very tiring

**impassable**- not able to be crossed  
or traveled through

**perilous**- very dangerous

**terrain**- land, ground, or earth

### Other Vocabulary:

**horizon**- the line where the earth  
and the sky meet

**delay**- wait until later to do  
something

**rations**- supplies, usually food, that are limited

**hulk**- the body of an old or wrecked ship; something large and clumsy

**stranded**- trapped or stuck in a difficult situation

**startled**- surprised, alarmed, or shocked

**stern**- the rear part of a ship or boat

**tremble**- to shake or shiver

**skipper-** captain

**executing-** carrying out or doing

**sledge-** a sled, usually pulled by animals, used to carry loads across snow and ice



**harnessed-** wearing straps attached to a vehicle or tool such as a sled or plow

**current-** the path or flow of moving water, such as a river or sea



**scarce**- not enough

**lunged**- moved forward suddenly

**stalking**- moving secretly while tracking prey

**sapped**- weakened

**savage**- wild

**furiously**- violently

**dehydration-** sickness caused by not having enough water

**quench-** to satisfy

**exhausting-** very tiring

**jagged-** ragged, full or parts sticking up and out

**pitched-** put up (tents)

**permanent-** meant to last for a long time

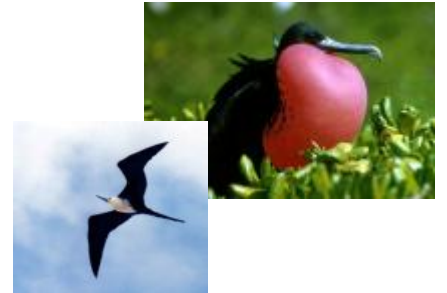
**hut**- small, simple house or shelter

**cramped**- crowded

**wick**- the cord that burns on  
a candle or a lamp



**frigate birds**- a type  
of sea bird



**rancid**- having a nasty smell or taste

**tiller**- part used to steer a boat

**impact-** crash

**bailed-** got water out of a boat by filling containers and emptying them, over and over

**hull-** the body or frame of a ship or boat

**capsizing-** turning bottom side up

**dimly-** not seen easily or clearly

**miraculously-** amazingly; seemingly impossible

**temporary**- lasting for only a short time

**albatross**- a large sea bird



**summit**- the highest point

**gamble**- a risky action

**makeshift**- something used a temporary substitute for something else

**reckless**- not careful or cautious

**torrents**- violent, fast moving  
streams of liquid

**Vocabulary Skills:**

**Homophones**



**Word Work:**

**Grammar Skills:**

**Possessive Pronouns**

**Writing:**

**Write a Learning Log Entry;**

**Writing Dates and Times**

**Listening/Speaking/Viewing:**  
**Practice Group Problem  
Solving**

**Spiral Review:**

**Comprehension: Fact and  
Opinion; Categorize and  
Classify**

**Grammar: Present, Past, and  
Future Time; What is a  
Verb?**

**Dictionary: Parts of Speech**