This B1 article will allow pupils to discover the mysterious disappearance of the 1845 Franklin Expedition to find the North-West Passage, and the subsequent search expeditions and forensic archaeology which has begun to provide answers.

Grammar
- comparative.
- past simple of regular verbs + some irregular verbs.

Vocabulary
- ships and the sea.
- geography.
- the Arctic.
- science, archaeology, forensics

Pronunciation.
- /ed/ ending of simple past verbs

Activity A has pupils anticipate from the title. We’ve provided a word cloud in these Teacher’s Notes, that you may want to give to some or all the pupils.

They then move on to comprehension of the first part of the text in Activity B.

Activity C has pupils work in groups on different paragraphs of the second part of the article, before exchanging the information to build a full picture. In the first instance, provide each group with one of the blank mindmaps. For the recap phase, give each pupil the four mindmaps, so they can take notes.

Activity D makes sure everyone understands the more difficult vocabulary.

In Activity E, pupils put the story into chronological order on a timeline.

Activity F encourages them to pick one element from the story to express in telegram style.

Activity G checks that they can pronounce the /ed/ ending of simple past verbs from the text correctly, while Activity H provides a summary.

Activity I is optional and gives you the opportunity to show them a video from the exhibition about the expedition (sub-titled). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2t9IFFVImj0

Activity J is their final task, where pupils prepare an interaction in pairs, where one pupil tries to persuade the other to go to see the exhibition.

Solutions
B. 22 April 1848: the 105 surviving men abandoned the ships
11 June 1847: Franklin died
September 1846: the two ships were trapped in ice
Danger: being trapped in the ice
Place: Canada (Baffin Bay)
John Franklin: was the expedition leader;
left England with 128 men; was trying to find the North-West Passage

C. 1. A Very Cold Case
Date: 1981
Place: University of Alberta, Canada
Investigation: forensic examination of objects and bodies preserved in the permafrost
Problem in 1845: poisonous led was used in
tin cans that preserved food

**Conclusion:** the men were possibly poisoned by lead

2. Inuit Stories

**Inuit said:** They saw white men, and an abandoned ship that disappeared.

**2014:** Scientists found the *Erebus.*

**2016:** Scientists found the *Terror.*

**Problem:** It is impossible to go inside the ships, they are too fragile.

**Solution:** special underwater cameras

3. Genetic Identification

**What scientists found:** fragments of human skeletons

**Unexpected surprise:** four out of 24 skeletons seem to be women.

**Goal of genetic identification:** to identify some of the people who died

4. The North-West Passage At Last

**Franklin:** never found the Passage

**1903-6:** Roald Amundsen found the Passage but only in a small boat

**2007:** Climate change made it possible for big ships to use the Passage.

**Now:** ships can do what Franklin imagined.

D.1. solve 2. faster 3. cheaper 4. ship 5. forensic 6. permafrost 7. sonar 8. found 9. climate change 10. less

E. **May 1845:** Franklin expedition left England

**Sept 1846:** the ships were trapped in ice.

**1847-1880:** over thirty search expeditions

**11 June 1847:** Franklin died

**22 April 1848:** 105 surviving men abandoned the ships

**1859:** a note found explaining that the two ships were trapped in ice in 1846

**1903-1906:** Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen proved the North-West Passage existed,

**1981:** Canadian scientists used modern forensic techniques to examine objects and bodies preserved in permafrost.

**2014:** A Canadian scientific expedition found *The Erebus.*

**2016:** *The Terror* was found.

F. solved: /d/

wanted: /id/ 

trapped: /d/ 

tried: /d/ 

died: /d/ 

abandoned: /d/ 

happened: /d/ 

decided: /id/ 

preserved: /d/ 

looked: /t/ 

contaminated: /id/ 

used: /d/ 

discovered: /d/ 

existed: /id/ 

imagined: /d/

F. History, Death, mission, Passage, 129, Inuit, winter, wrong, died, England, ships, clues

I.2.a. different, belonged to someone, direct link to a human being

b. gave their lives for their country, for the advancement of human knowledge, going into the unknown, didn’t come back

c. phenomenal
Documents for different groups
A. Word Cloud
B. Mind Maps for different groups:

1. A Very Cold Case
   - Date
   - Place
   - Investigation
   - Conclusion
   - Problem in 1845

2. Inuit Stories
   - Inuit said
   - 2014
   - 2016

3. Genetic Identification
   - What scientists found
   - Unexpected surprise
   - Goal of genetic identification

4. The North-West Passage At Last
   - Franklin
   - 1903-6
   - Now
   - 2007