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EXPLORATION OBJECTS



CAPTAIN SCOTT'S OVERSHOES

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Description

A pair of sealskin overshoes found on Captain Scott's body. During the expedition that he led to reach the South Pole between 1910 and 1913, he walked over 1000 miles, but died in 1912 on his return journey, only 11 miles from a food depot. The overshoes are crudely sewn with a sealskin sole, canvas sides, and wooden heels. The hair has worn off most areas of the shoes.

Questions

Write about a time when you have been terribly tired but had to carry on and complete a task.

Look at the shoes and describe their condition. Do they look new or well-worn? Why might they look a bit shabby?



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