

EXPLORERS OR BOYS MESSING ABOUT? STEVEN MORRIS

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

This is a newspaper article that tells the story of two men rescued by the Chilean Navy when their helicopter crashed in the sea in the Antarctic.

BEFORE YOU START READING

- 1 Do some research. You might want to look at the original article. Compare this with how it was reported at the time by doing an internet search for 'antarctic helicopter crash 2003'.
- 2 In a small group or with a partner, share your ideas on the following questions.
 - ▶ Do you think that it is fair that the taxpayers have to pay for these explorers and others like them to be rescued?
 - ▶ What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of:
 - requiring all explorers to buy additional insurance
 - requiring all explorers to buy licences from the government, without which they would not be allowed to explore
 - requiring explorers to do community work to repay any taxpayers' money spent on rescuing them?



▲ Sunset over the Antarctic Ocean