The RRS Discovery

Read the article below and fill in the gaps with the words in the boxes

Box 1 : Prepositions
Box 2: Verbs. N.B. Put the verbs in the past simple or past continuous tenses

Hello and welcome to Dundee. It’s a small city on the east coast of Scotland, where the River Tay meets the North Sea.
The city has a long history _______building boats, and the city’s most famous ship is the RRS Discovery.
In 1900, the British government _______ a boat that _______ explore the undiscovered continent of Antarctica.
They _______ a boat with sails and steam engines that was so strong it could sail _______ large blocks of ice.
On the 6th August 1901, Discovery _______ the UK.
After a five month journey via Cape Town and Lyttelton Harbour in New Zealand, the ship arrived _______ the coast of Antarctica on the 8th January 1902.
Some of Britain’s most adventurous explorers, Captain Robert Falcon Scott and the Third Officer Ernest Shackleton, were _______ board.
There were scientists too, who _______ to learn more _______ the area’s plants and animals.
When they arrived, this group of scientists, sailors and explorers _______ a camp.
They built a large hut, where they _______ and worked.
It was all going well, but while they _______ the Antarctic ice froze _______ Discovery. The ship _______ , but the crew couldn’t leave. They needed to wait for the ice to melt. While they _______ , Scott and Shackleton left camp and _______ to walk _______ the South Pole. They walked _______ storms and blizzards, but unfortunately they _______ the Pole.
But they survived and when they returned _______ camp, two ships –Morning and Terra Nova– were there to help them. After two years _______ freezing conditions, the Discovery crew _______ home. _______ the 10th September 1904, the ship arrived _______ London.
The crew quietly returned home. But soon, the story of the expedition became famous and Captain Scott became a national hero.
Both Scott and Shackleton later returned to Antarctica. _______ one of Shackleton’s expeditions his ship – Endurance – _______. He and a small group _______ five days _______ a lifeboat. Finally, they reached South Georgia, where they contacted the navy to send help.
And which was one of the boats that _______ the rescue? It was the RRS Discovery. Discovery _______ a symbol of British heroism. For years it was a popular tourist attraction in London. But in 1986, Discovery returned home to Dundee where it is part of the city’s history and culture.