# Lesson 43: Over the South Pole

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How was the plane able to clear the mountains?

In 1929, three years after his flight over the North Pole, the American explorer R.E. Byrd successfully flew over the South Pole for the first time.

Though at first, Byrd and his men were able to take a great many photographs of the mountains that lay below, they soon ran into serious trouble.

At one point, it seemed certain that their plane would crash.

It could only get over the mountains if it rose to 10,000 feet.

Byrd at once ordered his men to throw two heavy food sacks over the South Pole food sacks.

The plane was then able to rise, and it cleared the mountains by 400 feet.

Byrd now knew that he would be able to reach the South Pole, which was 300 miles away, for there were no more mountains in sight.

The aircraft was able to fly over the endless white plains without difficulty.

The American explorer, R.E. Byrd, became the first man to fly over the South Pole in 1929.

He took a lot of photographs during the flight, but then he ran into difficulties.

His plane could not get over the mountains, so he ordered his men to throw out two heavy food sacks.

The plane then flew over the mountains and continued without further trouble.

Byrd stayed in the Antarctic for a year and made many more flights.

He went back to America in 1930 but returned to the Antarctic in 1946.

This time, he not only had 4,000 men with him but thirteen ships and seventeen airplanes as well.

He will come if he can.

He will come if he is able to.

I can see you tomorrow.

I'll be able to see you tomorrow.

I couldn't understand him.

I wasn't able to understand him.

He said he could see me next week.

He said he would be able to see me next week.

He was able to go to London yesterday, first of all, and he enjoyed himself very much.

He didn't agree with me at first, but I was able to persuade him.

He was able to leave Europe before the war began.

At first, Byrd and his men were able to take photographs.

Byrd at once ordered his men to throw out two food sacks.

Billy is not at home at present.

He's it; you can't at school.

After walking for several hours, we arrived at the village at last.

It's a pity you can't come to the concert.

At any rate, you'll be able to hear it on the radio.

I know he's often rude to people, but he's a very pleasant person at heart.

I didn't know you wouldn't be coming.

At least you could have telephoned me.

He behaves very strangely at times.

I don't know what I can do about it.

I'm completely at a loss.

We found our way home at last.

He stayed at home all day yesterday.

You must write to him at once.

He cannot see you now as he is busy at the moment.

He annoys me at times.

When I saw that the house was on fire, I was at a loss.

At first, I thought it would be a good film, but I was wrong.

R. E. Byrd was the first man to fly over the South Pole.

Byrd succeeded in flying over the mountains by making his plane lighter.

Did the mountains lie far below?

It could only get over the mountains if it rose to 10,000 feet. This means it would succeed in getting over the mountains.

The plane was then able to rise.

This means it could rise.

Byrd knew that he would be able to reach the South Pole.

It would be possible.

He would be able to reach the pole, which was 300 miles away.

They soon had serious trouble.

Byrd at once ordered them to do this.

He ordered them to do this immediately.

The plane cleared the mountains.

It flew over them.

Byrd now knew he would be able to reach the South Pole.

There were no more mountains in sight.

They couldn't be seen.

Byrd at once ordered his men to throw out two heavy food sacks.