

## James Cook (1728-1779)



The British explorer James Cook was born in the village of Marton, Yorkshire, on 27 October, 1728. But his family soon (move) [ ] to another village, called Great Ayton, where Cook (spend) [ ] most of his childhood.

1. As a teenager James Cook (develop) [ ] a fascination for the sea and (travel) [ ] to Whitby where he (find) [ ] employment on a coal ship.
2. While he (serve) [ ] in the Royal Navy during the Seven Years' War (1756-1763), Cook (have) [ ] the command of a ship.
3. After the war (end) [ ], Cook (take) [ ] command of the vessel Grenville and (go) [ ] to Newfoundland to survey the coasts there.
4. While he (map) [ ] the coasts of Newfoundland, he (observe) [ ] a solar eclipse off the North American coast.
5. Cook (send) [ ] the details to the Royal Society, England's leading scientific organisation, and (win) [ ] their attention.
6. After Cook (publish) [ ] his observations of the solar eclipse, the Royal Society (ask) [ ] him to lead a scientific expedition to Tahiti and (put) [ ] him in command of the HMS Endeavour.
7. From Tahiti Cook then (go on) [ ] to explore the South Pacific.
8. He also (reach) [ ] New Zealand, which only the Dutchman Abel Tasman (visit) [ ] before Cook.
9. After Cook (map) [ ] New Zealand's complete coastline, he (sail) [ ] to Australia's east coast.
10. Cook (name) [ ] the area New South Wales as it (remind) [ ] him of the south coast of Wales in Great Britain.
11. In 1772, one year after Cook (return) [ ] from his first voyage to the Pacific, the Royal Society (hire) [ ] him for another expedition to find the mythical Terra Australis.
12. On his journey, Cook (discover) [ ] several islands and almost (go) [ ] as far as the continent of Antarctica.
13. He (make) [ ] maps of the South Pacific and (prove) [ ] that Terra Australis (exist / not) [ ].
14. His third and last voyage for the Royal Society (take) [ ] him to the west coast of North America where he (try) [ ] to find a passage between the Atlantic and Pacific.
15. He (not / can / pass) [ ] the Bering Strait, however; the ice (force) [ ] him to return to Hawaii, which he (discover) [ ] earlier.
16. While he and his crew (rest) [ ] in Hawaii, some Hawaiians (steal) [ ] one of his boats.
17. When Cook and his men (try) [ ] to get the boat back from the natives, a violent fight (break out) [ ] in which the natives (stab) [ ] James Cook to death.