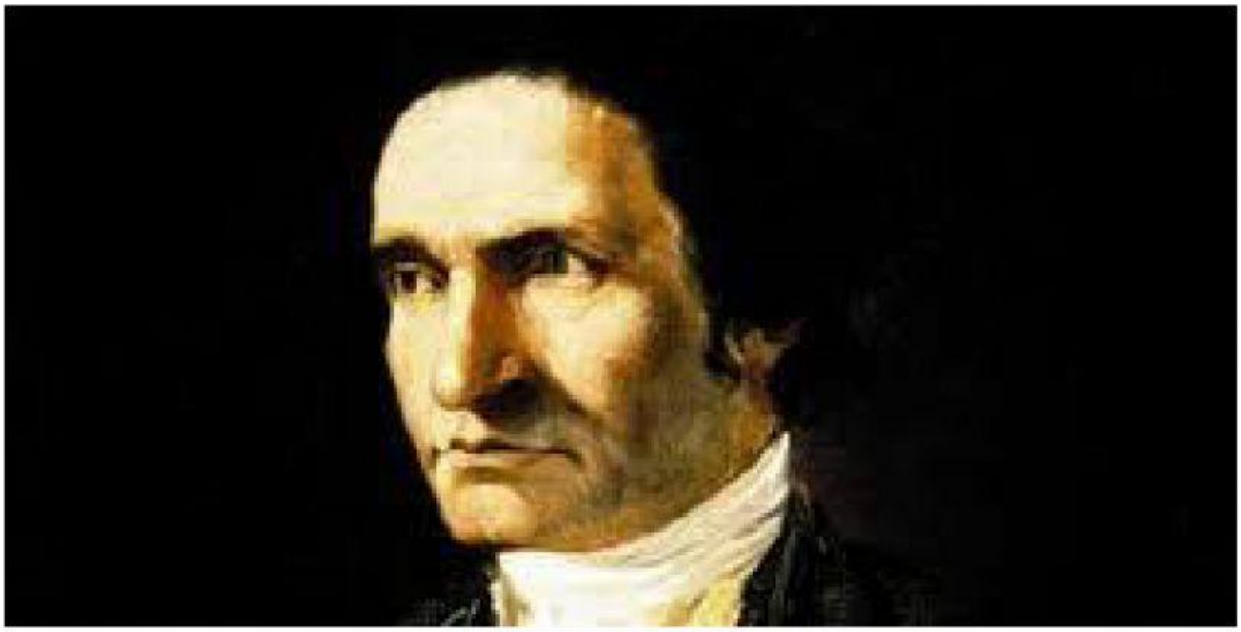
FAMOUS EXPLORER

Read the text and choose the correct word.

Captain James Cook is (1) _____ today for being one of Britain's most famous explorers of the 18th century. Cook was (2) _____ most other explorers of the same period as he did not come from a wealthy family and had to work hard to (3) _____ his position in life. He was lucky to be (4) _____ by his father's employer, who saw that he was a bright boy and paid for him to attend the village school. At sixteen, he started (5) _____ in a shop in a fishing village, and this was a turning (6) _____ in his life. He developed an interest in the sea and eventually joined the Royal Navy in order to see more of the world.

Cook was (7) _____ by sailing, astronomy and the production of maps, and quickly became an expert in these subjects. He was also one of the first people to (8) _____ that scurvy, an illness often suffered by sailors, could be prevented by careful (9) _____ to diet. It was during his (10) _____ to the Pacific Ocean that Cook made his historic landing in Australia and the (11) _____ discovery that New Zealand was two (12) _____ islands. He became a national hero and still (13) _____ one today.



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