

Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

James Cook

James Cook _____ (be) born on 27 October 1728 near Middlesbrough in Yorkshire, England.

Who was James Cook?

James Cook _____ (be) a British explorer, navigator and cartographer (_____ (draw) maps).

What is James Cook famous for?

James Cook _____ (discover) the Hawaiian Islands and _____ (bring) Australia and New Zealand into the British Empire.

He _____ (be) the first British ship commander to circumnavigate the globe in a lone ship. He was also the first British commander to prevent the outbreak of scurvy by regulating his crew's diet, serving them citrus fruit and sauerkraut to prevent the disease. In October 1769, he _____ (become) the first European to land on New Zealand.



James Cook charted many areas and _____ (record) several islands and coastlines on European maps for the first time. His explorations and maps _____ (provide) much information about the Pacific Ocean, and about those who _____ (live) on its islands and shores.

Cook was killed on 14 February 1779 at Hawaii.

Legacy

James Cook _____ (explore) and mapped more territory than any navigator of his time and _____ (provide) the first accurate map of the Pacific. In addition, his expedition _____ (discover) thousands of new plant species and many new animals. Artists on his expeditions rendered valuable paintings and drawings of the Pacific Islands.