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Famous explorer

Captain James Cook is **(0) remembered** today for being one of Britain's most famous explorers of the 18th century. Cook was **(1)**_____ most other explorers of the same period as he did not come from a wealthy family and had to work hard to **(2)**_____ his position in life. He was lucky to be **(3)**_____ 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 **(4)**_____ in a shop in a fishing village, and this was a turning **(5)**_____ 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 **(6)**_____ 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 **(7)**_____ that scurvy, an illness often suffered by sailors, could be prevented by careful **(8)**_____ to diet. It was during his **(9)**_____ to the Pacific Ocean that Cook made his historic landing in Australia and the **(10)**_____ discovery that New Zealand was two **(11)**_____ islands. He became a national hero and still **(12)**_____ one today.

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| 1. A. different | B. contrary | C. distinct | D. unlike |
| 2. A. manage | B. succeed | C. glanced | D. fulfill |
| 3. A. remarked | B. viewed | C. developed | D. noticed |
| 4. A. trade | B. work | C. career | D. job |
| 5. A. moment | B. instant | C. point | D. mark |
| 6. A. keen | B. eager | C. fascinated | D. enthusiastic |
| 7. A. regard | B. estimate | C. catch | D. realise |
| 8. A. attention | B. organisation | C. observation | D. selection |
| 9. A. travel | B. voyage | C. excursion | D. tour |
| 10. A. serious | B. superior | C. major | D. leading |
| 11. A. shared | B. particular | C. common | D. separate |
| 12. A. remains | B. stands | C. maintains | D. keeps |
| 13. A. different | B. contrary | C. distinct | D. unlike |
| 14. A. manage | B. succeed | C. glanced | D. fulfill |