

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

