

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Read the text.

Captain James Cook



James Cook was born in a small village in England in 1728. When he was 12, he left school. He helped his father work on farmland near the village. When he was 17, James left home and walked to a village near the ocean to start a job in a store. When he reached the village, he looked out at the ocean. From that moment, he wanted to sail across the oceans.

In 1755, Cook became a sailor in the British Navy. He was very good at drawing maps, so the British Navy asked him to sail to the South Pacific to explore and make maps of all the islands. In 1768, he left England and sailed south. Three years later, when he came back to England, Captain Cook was a famous explorer. On his ship were kangaroos and amazing types of fruit. He was the first European to reach the east coast of Australia, the first to sail round New Zealand, and the first to go to many of the small islands of the Pacific..

A) Read the text about Captain Cook. Write the correct year. There is one extra year. (4 pts)

1755 1768 1771 1776 1728

1. Cook was born. _____
2. Cook sailed to the South Pacific for the first time _____
3. Cook came back from the South Pacific. _____
4. Cook became a sailor. _____

(B) Answer the questions in English. Write full answers. (3 pts)

1. Where was James Cook born?

2. How old was James when he left school?

3. What was on James Cook's ship?

