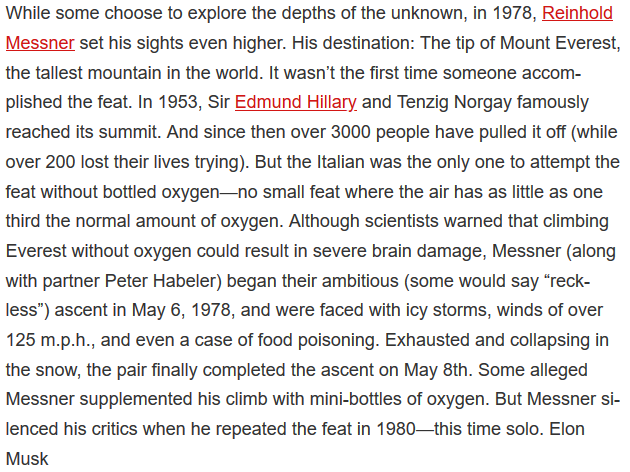
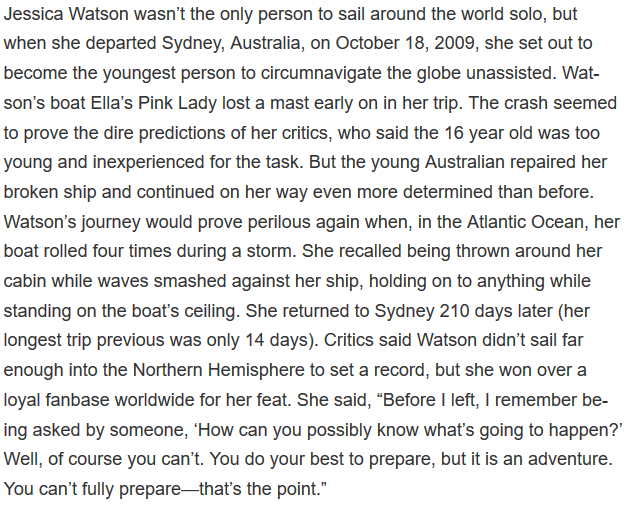
**Sample test exercises: reading**

**A: Read the texts about modern explorers and answer the questions below.** **(eher für E)**



**1. Fill in the table**

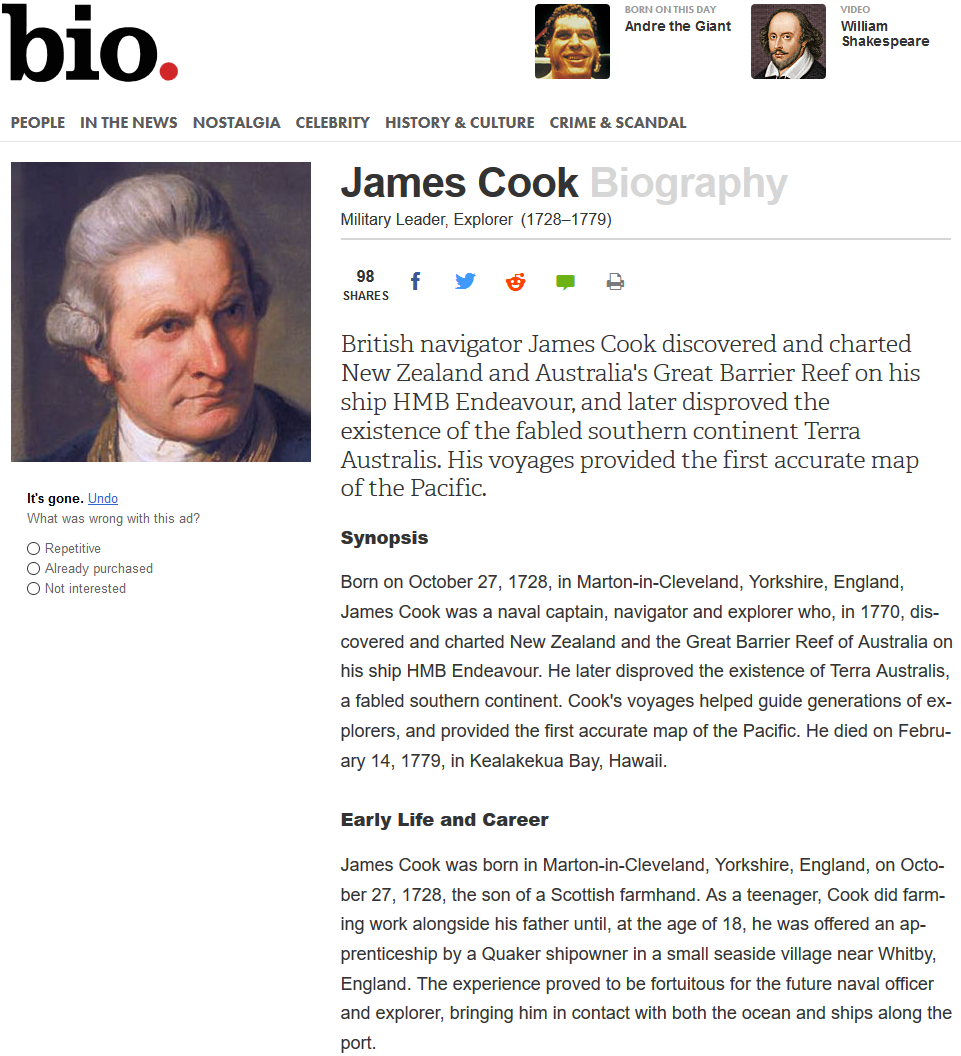
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|  | **Reinhold Messner** | **Jessica Watson** |
| **Nationality** |  |  |
| **What was his/ her achievement (Leistung)?** |  |  |
| **When did he/ she do this?** |  |  |
| **Both had to fight against different things during their trip. What went wrong?** |  |  |
| **Did everyone believe what they did? What did the critics say?** |  |  |

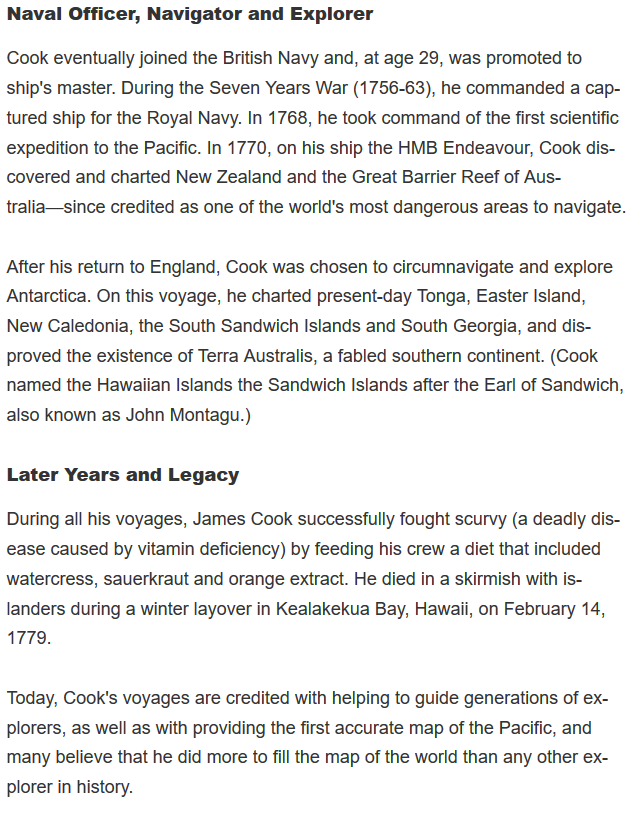
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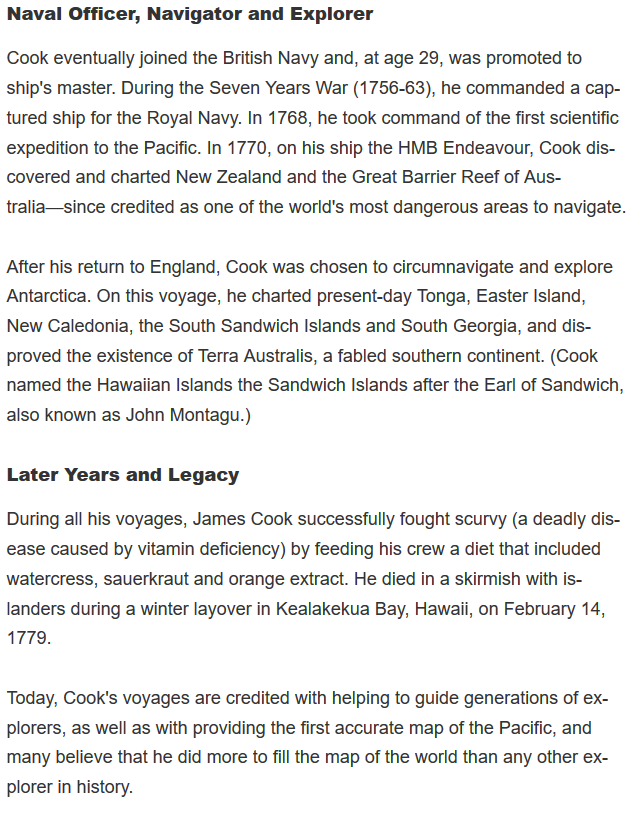
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|  | Reinhold Messner | Jessica Watson |
| Nationality | Italian | Australian |
| What was his/ her achievement? | went to Mount Everest without oxygen | sailed around the world solo |
| When did he/ she do this? | 1978 | 2009 |
| What went wrong during the trip? | icy storms, food poisoning | lost a mast, the boat rolled four times, |
| What did the critics say? | that he uses little oxygen bottles | that she didn’t sail far enough into the northern Hemisphere |

**B: Read the text about James Cook and answer the questions. (eher für E)**

Source: http://www.biography.com/people/james-cook-21210409







**1. Tell me about his life. What happened in…**

1728: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1756-63: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1770: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1779: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. List all the regions and island James Cook discovered.**

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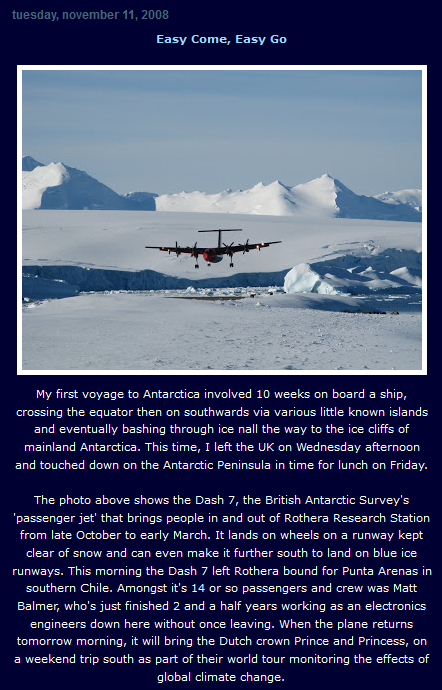
**3. Are these statements true, false or don’t you get the answer in the text?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | true | false | don’t know |
| Australia wasn’t known before James Cook sailed to the Great Barrier Reef. |  |  |  |
| James Cook had a happy childhood. |  |  |  |
| It was James Cook who charted New Zealand and the Great Barrier Reef of Australia. |  |  |  |
| His father wanted him to become a farmer. |  |  |  |
| When he was 18 years old, he worked for a man who owned ships. |  |  |  |
| James Cook learned how to sail in the Royal Navy. |  |  |  |
| It wasn’t easy to sail to the Great Barrier Reef because it is one of the most dangerous areas to navigate. |  |  |  |
| On the ship they eat Sauerkraut to stay healthy. |  |  |  |
| He died in a fight on Hawaii in 1779. |  |  |  |

**C: Read the text below and answer the question** **(eher für G)**

Source: frozen-cheese.blogspot.ch/

Tamsin Gray went to Antarctica again and again. Here is another post she wrote on her blog.



**1. Compare the different trips:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | First trip: | Now: |
| How did she travel to Antarctica? | She went by … | She went by … |
| How long was her journey? |  |  |

**2. Let’s talk about the plane on the picture. Cross all the correct statements.**

□ It’s a plane to transport passengers from Chile to the Research Station.

□ There is an airport next to the Research Station.

□ The wheels are not made to land on snow and ice.

□ The pilot is Matt Balmer.

□ The Research station is the most southern point where you can fly to.

□ They keep the runways clear of snow so that the plane can land.

□ There is space for aprox. fourty people on board of this plane.

□ The plane flies from Punta Arenas to the Research station.

□ You can use this flight during the summer month.

**3. Matt Balmer was working at the Research station as well.**

What was his job? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For how long did he work there without leaving once? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. The next day, they will be visited by a famous couple. Who is visiting them at the Research Station? And why?**

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