

1. Mystery Interview

On June 11, 1770, Captain James Cook ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef of Australia. Not the best way to discover a country, admittedly, but it doesn't seem to have harmed his reputation. This week's worksheet marks the historical moment with an interview about Captain Cook.

Level

Lower Intermediate and above

How to use the lesson

1. Give a copy of Worksheet A to each pair of students in the class. Give them a maximum of five minutes to write the questions to complete the interview.
2. When the first pair have finished (or after five minutes), check (and accept all possible) questions in open class. Ask your students if any of them know who the interview is about.
3. Give a copy of Worksheet B to each pair of students. Ask them to check the questions and compare with their own.
4. Ask each student to think of a famous person and then prepare their own interview about a famous person, writing just the answers (following the style of the worksheet) for another student to complete. You students might want to use the internet to find more information about their chosen person.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://members.tripod.com/~cuculus/cook.html>

Pictures and life history of the famous navigator

<http://www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk/>

Why not visit the Cook museum?

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/discovery/exploration/captaincook_01.shtml

The BBC does Captain Cook