

Culture 1 Famous Explorers



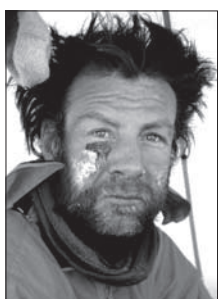
Name: Isabelle Eberhardt
Born: 1877
Nationality: Swiss

Her mother was German and her father was Russian. She was born in Switzerland but she lived and travelled in North Africa. In those days, it was not acceptable for women to travel. Isabelle explored the desert in Algeria dressed as a man. She wrote many articles and books in French about her travels. In 1904, she died in a flood in Algeria. She was only 27 years old.



Name: Hernando Cortes
Born: 1485
Nationality: Spanish

He sailed from Cuba to Mexico with eleven ships to look for gold, silver and other treasure. He discovered the capital city of the Aztec empire and he killed the Aztec emperor Montezuma. Mexico became part of the Spanish Empire. Hernando Cortes died in Spain in 1547.



Name: Ranulph Fiennes
Born: 1944
Nationality: British

He is one of the greatest living explorers. He has led over thirty expeditions and he has raised over £5 million for charity. He has travelled across Antarctica and he has discovered a lost city in the Arabian desert, in Oman.



Name: Freya Stark
Born: 1893
Nationality: British

She was born in France and her parents were both artists. A year later her parents went to live in Asolo near Venice. She spoke English, French, Italian and German, and she also learnt Arabic. She travelled in the Middle East and she was one of the first European women to travel through the Arabian deserts. She died in Italy in 1993.



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1 Write the names of the explorers next to the sentences.

- 1 She spoke many European languages.
- 2 He travelled across Mexico.
- 3 She often wore men's clothes.
- 4 He has done a lot for charity.
- 5 She died when she was very young.
- 6 Her parents both painted.

2 Read about the lost city of Ubar. Then write a list of the things that helped Ranulph Fiennes find the city.

The Lost City of Ubar or The City of a Thousand Pillars

There are many legends about the lost city of Ubar (also known as Iram) in the Arabian desert. According to Arabic tradition, Noah's great-grandchildren built the city. It was a rich city, but full of bad people. According to the Qur'an its king did not listen to the prophet Hud, so God buried it in the sand.



Many people looked for the city but it was Ranulph Fiennes who found it, after 26 years. NASA helped him. They flew a space shuttle over the desert and took pictures with a special camera. The camera showed city walls and pillars under the sand. The pictures helped Fiennes. He dug for four days and the first thing he found was a chess set from 500 BC. It took about six weeks to find the walls of the city. The mythical desert city became a reality.

3 In pairs, complete the questionnaire.

Are you
a born
adventurer?

- Have you visited any of the countries in the texts on pages 4 and 5?
- Have you seen any of the places in the texts on pages 4 and 5?
- Have you been to any archaeological sites in your country?
- Have you ever found any old coins or old things?
- Have you ever walked in a desert?

If you answer 'yes' to 3 or more of the questions, you are a born adventurer!

Extra Practice 1

1 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where was Isabelle Eberhardt born?
- 2 Which European country did Hernando Cortes come from?
- 3 How many expeditions has Ranulph Fiennes led?
- 4 How many years did it take him to find the lost city?
- 5 How much money has he given to charity?
- 6 How many languages did Freya Stark speak?

2 Find words in the puzzle and write them in the correct column.

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<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Film Genres</u>	<u>Technology</u>	<u>Adventure</u>
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3 Complete the dialogue using words from exercise 2. Then act it out.

Amy How long have you had your ¹.....?
Jake I've had it for ².....
Amy Have you bought any other things recently?
Jake Yes, I've just bought a/an ³..... and a/an ⁴.....
Amy Have you used them yet?
Jake No, I haven't.

4 Act out another dialogue with a friend about something you have recently bought. Use the dialogue from exercise 3.

5 Complete the information about yourself. Then tell a partner.

- 1 I (be) at this school for years.
- 2 My dad is a/an (his job). He (work) for for years.
- 3 My mum and dad (live) in our house for years.
- 4 We (be) on holiday to (countries/cities).
- 5 I (have) a mobile phone for years.
 I (have) this mobile phone since (date).
- 6 I (see) the film (name of film).
 It's a great film.

Extra Practice 1

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6 Complete the dialogues with *for* or *since*.

- Simon** Hi, Mark. I haven't seen you ¹.....a long time. Where've you been?
- Mark** I've been on holiday ².....a month. I went to England with my mum and dad.
- Simon** Did you do anything exciting?
- Mark** Yeah, we went on a Harry Potter tour. We saw Alnwick Castle. They filmed the Quidditch scenes there. We saw lots of other places from the films too.
- Simon** Cool! I'd love to do that. Have you heard from Kathy recently?
- Mark** No, I haven't seen her ³..... we went to the cinema together and that was about two months ago.

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Alnwick Castle

Alnwick Castle has been in a lot of films. It is near Newcastle in England.



7 Complete the sentences with the *Past simple* or *Present perfect* of the verb.

- Kathy** Would you like to go and see the Orlando Bloom film, *Elizabethtown*?
- Simon** Sorry! I ¹..... (already see) it.
- Kathy** When ².....you..... (see) it?
- Simon** I ³..... (see) it last week.
- Kathy** Is it any good?
- Simon** Well, it's a bit depressing. Orlando Bloom plays a shoe designer. He loses his job, then his girlfriend leaves him. So he ⁴..... (just lose) his job and he ⁵..... (just lose) his girlfriend. And then things get really bad. His sister calls. His father ⁶.....(just die).
- Kathy** Is Orlando Bloom any good?
- Simon** He's okay. He ⁷.....(be) better in *Troy*!

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Culture 2 Treasure Hunting!

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People have always loved hunting for treasure. In the past people used treasure maps and a spade. Nowadays people use GPS, metal detectors and robots.

- 1 Read about a Chilean robot called Arturito and his treasure hunt. Then do the quiz.



Arturito, the Robotic Treasure Hunter of the 21st Century

Arturito, a robot built by a Chilean company, may have found treasure on an island called Robinson Crusoe. The island is 660 km off the coast of Chile. A ship left a Scottish sailor called Alexander Selkirk on the island in 1704 and he lived there alone for four years. His story inspired Daniel Defoe to write the book Robinson Crusoe. Later the island was named after the book.

According to the legend, a Spanish sailor buried some treasure on the island. Then a few years later, an English sailor found it. He buried it again in a different place on the island. According to some people, there are 800 barrels of gold, silver and jewels, and the treasure is worth \$10 billion. Many treasure hunters have been to the island to look for the treasure but none have found it.

Arturito, the robot, uses a radar which finds objects underground. He can scan 50 metres deep into the earth. Recently some treasure hunters took him to Robinson Crusoe Island to search for the lost treasure. He has found some metal objects on the island 15 metres underground and the treasure hunters believe it is the lost treasure.

The treasure hunters are going to start digging for the treasure soon. If they find it, they will give it to charities. Let's hope Arturito has struck gold!

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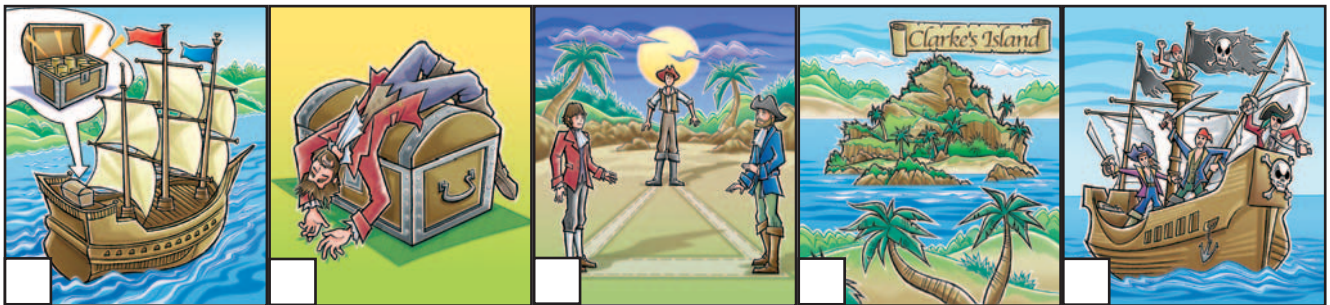
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| <p>1 Why is the island called <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>?</p> <p>a After the book by Daniel Defoe
 b After a robot
 c After a Spanish sailor</p> <p>2 According to the legend, who found the treasure?</p> <p>a A Spanish sailor
 b A English sailor
 c A robot</p> | <p>3 What did he do with the treasure?</p> <p>a He sailed home with it.
 b He lost it.
 c He buried it again.</p> <p>4 What will the treasure hunters do if they find the treasure?</p> <p>a They will buy an island.
 b They will give it to the government.
 c They will give it to charities.</p> |
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2 Write three more questions for the quiz. Ask a friend to answer your questions.

3 Did Arturito really find the treasure? Log on to the Internet and see if you can find out.

Captain Kidd's Gold!

 **4 A Listen to the story then put the pictures in the correct order.**



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B Write a sentence under each of the pictures and tell the story of Captain Kidd's gold.