

# Culture 1 Famous Explorers



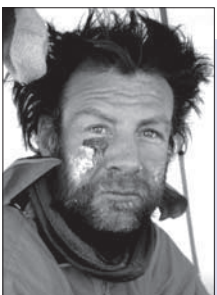
**Name:** Isabelle Eberhardt  
**Born:** 1877  
**Nationality:** Swiss

Her mother was German and her father was Russian. She was born in Switzerland, but she lived and traveled 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 Cortés  
**Born:** 1485  
**Nationality:** Spanish

He sailed from Cuba to Mexico with 11 ships to look for gold, silver, and other riches. He discovered the capital city of the Aztec Empire and killed the Aztec emperor Montezuma. Mexico became part of the Spanish Empire. Hernando Cortés died in Spain in 1547.



**Name:** Ranulph Fiennes  
**Born:** 1944  
**Nationality:** British

Fiennes is one of the greatest living explorers. He has led more than 30 expeditions, and he has raised millions of dollars for charity. He has traveled across Antarctica and discovered a lost city in the Arabian Desert.



**Name:** Sacagawea  
**Born:** c. 1788  
**Nationality:** Native American

At the age of 15, she went on a famous expedition to the western part of North America. It was led by explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. She went with Lewis and Clark because she spoke several Native American languages. Her son was born on the expedition. She carried him on her back throughout the journey!



# Culture 1

Unit 1-2

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

- 1 She spoke many languages. ....
- 2 He traveled across Mexico. ....
- 3 She often wore men's clothes. ....
- 4 He has done a lot for charity. ....
- 5 She died when she was young. ....
- 6 Her son was born on an expedition. ....

## 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 Koran, the king of Ubar did not listen to the prophet Hud, and a sandstorm buried the city completely.



Many people looked for the city, but it was Ranulph Fiennes who found it after 26 years of looking. NASA helped him by flying a space shuttle over the desert and taking 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 B.C. It took about six weeks to find the walls of the city. The mythical desert city was 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 archeological 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 three or more 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 Cortés come from?
- 3 How many expeditions has Ranulph Fiennes led?
- 4 How many years did it take Fiennes to find the lost city?
- 5 How much money has Fiennes given to charity?
- 6 How many languages did Sacagawea speak?

**2 Find words in the two lines below and write them in the correct column.**

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 expeditionpalmtopcomedyexplorerromancedesertcellphonecluewestern

<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Kinds of Movies</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 <sup>1</sup>.....?  
**Jake** I've had it for <sup>2</sup>.....  
**Amy** Have you bought any other things recently?  
**Jake** Yes, I've just bought a/an <sup>3</sup>..... and a/an <sup>4</sup>.....  
**Amy** Have you used them yet?  
**Jake** No, I haven't.

**4 Act out another dialogue with a friend about something you 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 mom and dad ..... (live) in our house for ..... years.
- 4 We ..... (be) on vacation to ..... (countries/cities).
- 5 I ..... (have) a cell phone for ..... years.  
 I ..... (have) this cell phone since ..... (date).
- 6 I ..... (see) the movie ..... (name of movie).  
 It's a great movie.

# Extra Practice 1

Unit 1-2

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

- Simon** Hi, Mark. I haven't seen you <sup>1</sup>.....a long time.  
Where've you been?
- Mark** I've been on vacation <sup>2</sup>.....two weeks. I went to  
Central America with my mom and dad.
- Simon** Did you do anything exciting?
- Mark** Yeah, we went to a place called Tulum. We saw Mayan ruins.  
We stayed on a beach. I learned to scuba dive!
- Simon** Cool! I'd love to do that. Have you heard from Kathy recently?
- Mark** No, I haven't seen her <sup>3</sup>..... we went to a movie  
together. That was about two months ago.

### CULTURE CORNER

#### Tulum, Mexico

The Mayan ruins in Tulum sit right on the coast. They are one of the most popular sites in Mexico.



## 7 Complete the sentences with the *simple past* or *present perfect* of the verb.

- Kathy** Would you like to go and see the  
George Clooney movie *Up in the Air*?
- Simon** Sorry! I <sup>1</sup>..... (already see) it.
- Kathy** When <sup>2</sup>.....you..... (see) it?
- Simon** I <sup>3</sup>..... (see) it last week.
- Kathy** Is it any good?
- Simon** Well, George Clooney plays a man who always travels. He  
<sup>4</sup>..... (just meet) someone when he finds out he  
may lose his job. And then things get really interesting. Yeah,  
it <sup>5</sup>.....(be) a good movie.
- Kathy** Is George Clooney any good?
- Simon** He's great, but I think he <sup>6</sup>.....(be) better in  
*Leatherheads*!