

# Who is the greatest explorer?

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## Vocabulary

History	Antarctic	the coldest, driest continent on Earth
	astronaut	a person trained to travel in a spacecraft
	conquered	overcome and take control of
	conquest	invade
	discover	be the first to find or observe a place
	evolution	all living things develop
	expedition	a journey to discover something
	explore	travel
	explorer	someone who travels to places about which very little is known, in order to discover what is there.
	habitable	good enough to live in
	Inhabit	live in or occupy
	power	control
	pride	joy or happy with yourself
Geography	adventurer	a person who enjoys adventures
	altitude	height of an object above ground or sea
	cartographer	a person who draws maps
	circumnavigate	sail or travel all the way around something
	continent	a very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia, which is made of several countries.
	desert	a land with no water and very few plants
	equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.
	globe	the Earth
	globe trotter	someone who travels widely
	ocean	one of the five very large areas of sea on the Earth's surface.
	pioneer	a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new area
	traveller	a person who travels or moves around a lot
	uncharted	area of land or sea not mapped or surveyed
uninhabited	not lived in	
venture	a risky or daring journey	
voyage	a long journey on a ship or in a spacecraft	
	bud	part of a plant that develops into a leaf, flower or shoot
☺ ☹	deciduous	tree or shrub that sheds its leaves annually
	evergreen	plants that keep their leaves throughout the year
	germinate	begin to grow
	growth	process of increasing in size
	liquid	flows like water
	melt	change from solid to liquid
	petal	a part of a flower
	slowly	not quick
	solid	firm, not liquid
	stem	main body or stalk of a plant
	temperature	the measure of how hot or cold something is

## Enquiries

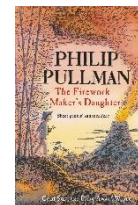
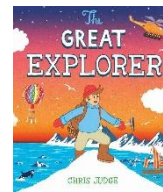
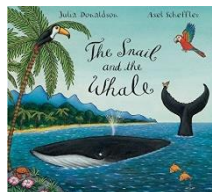
What is an explorer?  
Why do people explore?  
How much of the world is still undiscovered?  
Is it harder to explore on land or sea?  
Can you explore space?  
What would an unexplored place be like?  
Would you explore the future or the past?

## Key Facts

Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer who sailed to the New World in 1492 – He discovered San Salvador.  
James Cook discovered New Zealand in 1770  
Edmund Hillary conquered Everest in 1953  
Robert Falcon Scott led two expeditions to the Antarctic.  
Yuri Gagarin was the first person in space and Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon in 1969.  
Leif Erikson was a Viking who was the first European to sail to America  
Charles Darwin travelled on a 5 year expedition to South America in 1831 where he developed his theories of evolution  
There are 7 continents in the world (Europe, North America, South America, Australasia, Asia, Africa, Antarctica)  
Australasia is also known as 'Oceania'.  
95% of the world's oceans are undiscovered.  
99% of the ocean floor is undiscovered.

## Anchor Texts

The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson  
The Great Explorer by Chris Judge  
The Firework Maker's daughter by Philip Pullman



## Key Dates

1001 Leif Ericson (Viking) explores North America  
1265 Marco Polo begins exploration of China and Asia  
1492 Christopher Columbus discovers America  
1770 James Cook discovers New Zealand  
1831 Charles Darwin travels to South America  
1893 Mary Kingsley travels to West Africa  
1899 Gertrude Bell explores Syria and Palestine  
1909 Matthew Henson co-discovers the North Pole  
1911 Robert Falcon Scott led an expedition to Antarctica  
1928 Amelia Earhart became first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean  
1953 Edmund Hillary conquers Everest  
1961 Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person in space  
1964 Sylvia Earle travels to Indian Ocean for the first time  
1969 Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to land on the moon  
2020 Kathy Sullivan travels to the Mariana Trench

## Diagrams



