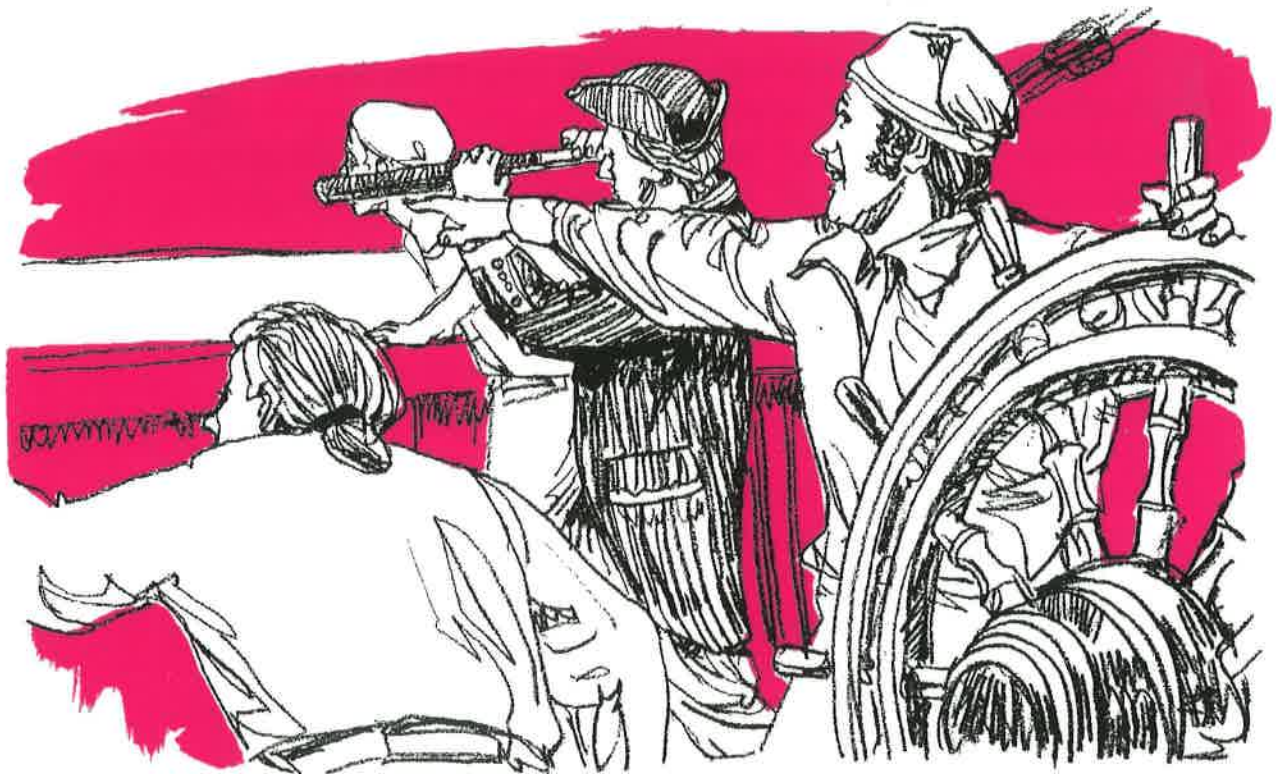


Captain Cook Finds a New Land

by Rosalie Koskimaki



- 1 James Cook lived in England. He lived there two hundred years ago. His parents were very poor. So when he was twelve, he had to go to work. He went to work in a shop.
- 2 James didn't like to work in the shop. He wanted to be a sailor.

9 One day he ran away from the shop. He went to sea. He became a sailor.

4 James was a good sailor. Soon he became a captain. He was one of the best sea captains England had.

5 In those days there were stories about a new land. This land was called *Terra Australis*. That meant "southern land." It was in the southern part of the world.

6 Captain Cook heard of this land. He wanted to sail to it. He got a ship. It was called the *Endeavour*. *Endeavour* means "try." Captain Cook was going to try to find a new land.

7 The captain knew the trip would be long. And he knew it would be hard. But he wasn't scared.

8 He and his men sailed for months and months. There were bad storms. Some of the men became ill. Some of them died. The trip *was* long and hard.

9 But then Captain Cook found land! This land is now called New Zealand.

10 Captain Cook was glad he'd found this land. But he still wanted to find Terra Australis. So he and his men started sailing again.

11 A few months later they found it. Captain Cook put up the English flag. He said, "This new land belongs to England now."

12 The ship went back to England. The men told people about the great new land. They called it Australia.

13 Captain James Cook made more trips. He sailed to more new lands. He did many great things. But the best thing he did was to find Australia.

How Well Did You Understand?

- A** Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.
- 1 James Cook got what he wanted because
 - a he set out to find New Zealand and he did
 - b he believed in himself and worked hard
 - 2 The captain of a ship is something like
 - a the farmer of some land
 - b the teacher of a class
 - 3 *Endeavour* was a good name for Captain Cook's ship because
 - a he made his men take long, hard trips
 - b he kept trying no matter what happened
 - 4 You can tell that James Cook liked
 - a sailing to new lands no matter how long it took
 - b living a quiet life at home in Australia
 - 5 *Australia* is a good name for the land because
 - a the word tells where the land is
 - b the word tells what the land is like

Learn about Words

- B** Often you can find out the meaning of a word by seeing how it is used in a story. The other words in the story give you clues.

Directions: Which word in the story best fits each meaning below. (A paragraph number tells you where to look.) Write the word.

- 1 person whose work is sailing (3)
 - 2 leader; commander of a ship (4)
 - 3 southward; toward the south (5)
 - 4 travel by ship (6)
 - 5 afraid; frightened (7)
- C** A good way to learn words is to use them in sentences.
- Directions:* Read each sentence. Choose a word you found in *B* that makes sense in the blank. Write the word.
- 6 All of the sailors on a ship must obey the ____.
 - 7 Captain Cook must have loved to ____.
 - 8 When he was a boy, James Cook wanted to be a ____.
 - 9 Captain Cook hardly ever felt ____.
 - 10 America is in the northern part of the world. Australia is in the ____ part.

Think about It

D Read each pair of sentences. Choose the word from the box that best fits in each blank. Write the word.

Endeavor sail Australia
sailors scared

- 1 Columbus sailed to America.
Captain Cook sailed to ____.
- 2 *Happy* means "glad."
Afraid means "____."
- 3 Spot was a dog's name.
____ was a ship's name.
- 4 People fly planes.
People ____ ships.
- 5 A coach leads players.
A captain leads ____.

E Read each set of words. Choose the word from the box that best fits in the blank. Write the word.

sea England months
train east

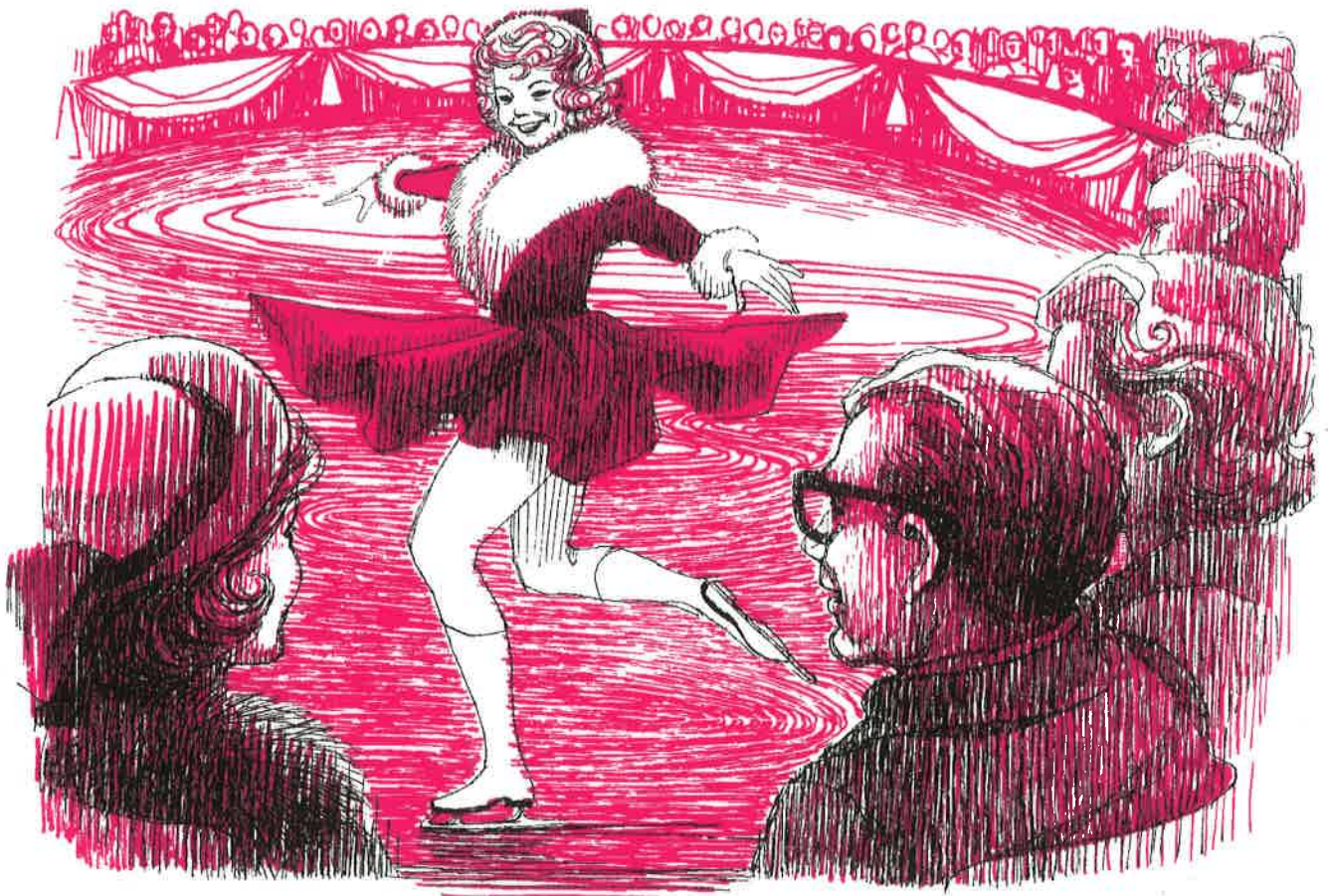
- 6 north south ____ west
- 7 car ____ ship plane
- 8 ____ United States Australia
New Zealand
- 9 lake gulf ____ ocean
- 10 days weeks ____ years

Make a Book

Captain Cook sailed to a very unusual land, Australia. Australia has many kinds of animals that live only there. Find a book about Australia in the library. Find out about Australia's animals. Write about the animals. Find pictures in magazines that you can cut out. Make an Australian Animal Book.

Sonja's First Skates

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1 Sonja Henie knew what she wanted for Christmas. Sonja lived in Norway. There were many lakes and rivers near her home. In the winter they froze. And all the older children went ice-skating. Sonja wanted to ice-skate too. But she didn't have any skates.