

The Discovery of Easter Island – Teaching Information

About this Resource:

- The text is for the children to read. Give each pair a copy of the text (without questions) to read individually or as a whole class. This text has been aimed at Year 2 (Wales)/Primary 3 (Scotland)/Grade 1 (Australia).
- The teacher should use the teacher version. It shows you where to pause after each section and provides questions for you to ask. The colours refer to our levels so that you can direct specific questions at specific students (their version does not have these colours or show them which is emerging, etc.). The questions are also numbered in the order they appear on the comprehension sheet.
 - Emerging – Red
 - Developing – Blue
 - Expected – Orange
 - Greater Depth – Green
- The children can record their answers to the questions at the end of the shared read/discussion or in a different session by using the comprehension sheet. The questions have been re-grouped into abilities so that you can assign sections to specific children.
 - Section A – Emerging
 - Section B – Developing
 - Section C – Expected
 - Section D – Greater Depth
- You can find further information specific to this whole class guided reading pack on the next page.

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National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (T2/1b) [Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways](#)

English Year 2: (P3/1d) [Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done](#)

Level of this Pack:

Age: 6-7

England: Year 2

Scotland: Primary 3

Wales: Year 2

Australia: Year 1/Grade 1

Differentiation for Challenge Activity:

Section A Draw pictures to match the captions.

Section B Match quotes to the correct person.

Section C Complete sentences with the correct word. Includes 4 options.

Section D Complete a paragraph using the word bank.

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The_Dutch_Explorer

Em: (Q1) What type of text is this? A blog

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ABOUT ME



My name is Jacob Roggeveen and I am a Dutch explorer!

At the moment, I am leading the journey to find Terra Australis.

I also want to help Europe begin trading with the Spice Islands.

Follow my blog to stay up to date with my exciting travels.

GD: (Q15) Is it possible that Jacob blogged about his discovery?

No, the internet did not exist in 1722.

The Discovery of Easter Island!

Posted 5th April 1722, 9:58pm

GD: (Q13) What does 'discovery' mean? Something that has been found.

Today was the best day of my life! I have never felt so happy and excited. I have discovered an island!

Em: (Q2) How would you feel if you discovered an island?

Various possible answers, for example: proud and amazed.

As you may have read in my last blog, we left the Juan Fernández Islands on 17th March. The plan was to keep looking for Terra Australis.

De: (Q5) What country do you think 'Terra Australis' is? Australia

Today, just as we were wishing each other a happy Easter, we saw land! I told the crew to steer towards it. We couldn't believe our eyes!

Em: (Q3) Did The_Dutch_Explorer travel alone? No, he had a crew.



The island has 800 or 900 of these huge, stone statues. We think they must be about 30 feet tall!

GD: (Q14) Did The_Dutch_Explorer know that the heads are 30 feet tall? No, he said that he thought they must be that tall. (It has been discovered since that on average they are closer to 13 feet tall however the tallest are up to 40 feet tall.)



LATEST POSTS

Farewell to the Islands

17th March 1722

De: (Q6) What does
'farewell' mean?

Goodbye

Welcome to the Juan
Fernández Islands

24th February 1722

Ex: (Q9) Which islands
did The_Dutch_Explorer
leave on 17th March
1722? The Juan
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New Year's Resolutions

1st January 1722

Christmas at Sea

25th December 1721

Meet the Crew

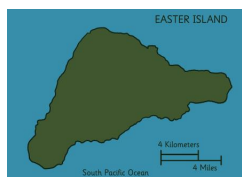
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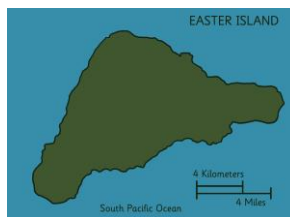
1st August 1721

De: (Q7) When did
The_Dutch_Explorer set
off on his adventure? 1st
August 1721

PHOTOS



We sailed around the small island and it is in the shape of a triangle.



When we got onto the land, we started to explore. There are about 3,000 people living here altogether. As it is Easter Sunday today, it was very easy naming this beautiful place. Welcome to Easter Island everybody!

De: (Q8) What day of the week was it on 5th April 1722?

Sunday

We are hoping to spend a week here to learn more about this amazing island. Keep posted for more information soon!

COMMENTS

Em: (Q4) How many people commented on the blog? Three



The_Dutch_West_India_Company
5th April 1722, 10:04pm

We are so delighted about the news! We can't wait for you to find Terra Australis but this is incredible. Well done to you and the crew!



The_Dutch_Explorer replied
5th April 1722, 10:23pm

Ex: (Q10) Who did The_Dutch_Explorer reply to?

The_Dutch_West_India_Company
Thank you for your kind words! I have passed your message on to the crew. Thank you so much for sponsoring us!

Ex: (Q11) Who sponsored the voyage? The Dutch West India Company

Jan_Roggeveen

5th April 1722, 10:36pm

Wow! I am so proud of you, bro! I am so honoured to have planned the expedition with you. All of our hard work is paying off! I wish I could be there. Happy Easter!

GD: (Q16) What does 'expedition' mean?

Journey, voyage or trip

Ex: (Q12) Who planned the voyage with Jacob? His brother Jan Roggeveen



The_Dutch_Explorer

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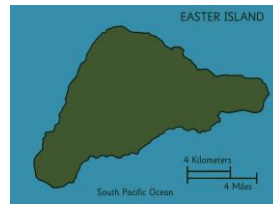
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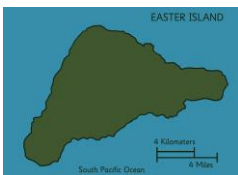
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1. What type of text is this?
2. How would you feel if you discovered an island?
3. Did The_Dutch_Explorer travel alone?
4. How many people commented on the blog?

Section B

5. What country do you think 'Terra Australis' is?
6. What does 'farewell' mean?
7. When did The_Dutch_Explorer set off on his adventure?
8. What day of the week was it on 5th April 1722?

Section C

9. Which islands did The_Dutch_Explorer leave on 17th March 1722?
10. Who did The_Dutch_Explorer reply to?
11. Who sponsored the voyage?
12. Who planned the voyage with Jacob?

Section D

13. What does 'discovery' mean?
14. Did The_Dutch_Explorer know that the heads are 30 feet tall?
15. Is it possible that Jacob blogged about his discovery?
16. What does 'expedition' mean?

The Discovery of Easter Island – Challenge Activity

Section A

Draw pictures to match the captions.

The crew were excited about the discovery.	The people living on Easter Island were friendly.
There were 800 or 900 statues on the island.	The island is the shape of a triangle.

Section B

Match the quote to the person that could have said it.

“I will help you to plan your trip!”	Jacob Roggeveen
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“Steer us to the island!”	Jan Roggeveen
“Welcome to our island!”	Crew member

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Section C

Tick to show which word completes each sentence.

I have discovered an...

Easter	
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adventure	
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island	
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explorer	
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We couldn't believe our...

land	
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eyes	
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steer	
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people	
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The island has 800 or 900 of these huge, stone...

Dutch	
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amazing	
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trees	
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statues	
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The island is in the shape of a...

circle	
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square	
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triangle	
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star	
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Section D

Choose the correct words from the word bank to fill the blank spaces.

beautiful	week	explore
people	Easter	for

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6. What does 'farewell' mean? **Goodbye**
7. When did The_Dutch_Explorer set off on his adventure? **1st August 1721**
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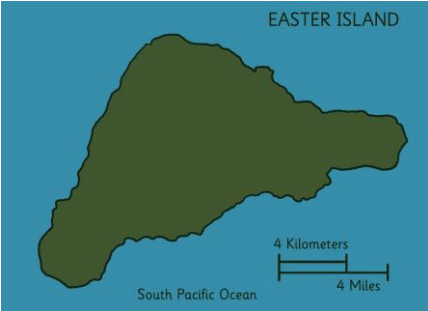
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