

Adventurers and Explorers - Glossary

achieve = get, reach

admire = to think very highly about someone

cattle = cows that are kept on farms for milk and meat

century = a hundred years

cinnamon = a sweet brown substance that gives cake and other sweet foods a special taste

claim = to take something legally

conquer = to get control of a country by fighting

conquistador = a Spanish explorer who conquered parts of America in the 16th and 17th centuries

convinced = to be sure that something is true

crew = the people who work on a ship or plane

cut off = block, so that nobody can pass through

damaged = broken

discover = to find something for the first time

emerge = to come up

empire = a group of countries that are controlled by a king

expand = to reach from one place to another

expedition = a trip to a dangerous , mostly unknown place

explore = to travel around a place and find out something about it

fame = to be known by many people because you have done something great

found = to start a company or create a new town

huge = very, very big

in exchange = if you give a person something, you get something else from him

in honour = to show how much you respect or like somebody

jewels = very valuable stones , like diamonds

journey = trip, expedition

mainland = the main area of land that forms a country, the islands do not belong to it



mapmaker = a person who draws maps

mass = a very large piece of something

merchant = a person who buys and sells goods

mouth = the place where a river flows into the sea

narrow = thin, not wide

natives = people who were born in a country and live there

navigator = a person on a ship who tries to find a route somewhere

passageway = a route

permanent = to exist for a long time

pilgrim = a religious person who travels a long way to a holy place

population = the people of a country

present = to show

preserve = to last longer

prove = to show that something is true

quadrant = an instrument used for sailing to find out where you are

reach = get to

refrigerator = a kitchen machine that is used to keep food cool

reject = to say no

riches = a lot of money , gold and silver

sailor = someone who works on a ship

set up = start, open up

settlement = a new town that is built in a place where people have not lived before

settler = a person who lives in a place where not many people have lived before

sight = view

silk = a smooth cloth that is very thin. It is made by a silkworm

Spaniard = a person from Spain

Spice Islands = islands near Asia that were famous for having many spices

spices = powder or seeds that are used to make food taste better

strait = a narrow passage of water between two areas of land

stretch out = extend, reach out

suggest = to tell somebody what they should do

territory = new land



tip = the end of something

trading post = a place where people could buy or sell goods

traverse board = tool used to record the direction of a ship

valuable = things that cost a lot

various = many different kinds of

vast amounts = a lot of

voyage = a journey by sea

wheat = a grain that you make white bread out of

