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Exploring the World

Directions: Read each question. Then circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. Who was the first person to reach the South Pole?
 - a. Roald Amundsen
 - b. Ernest Shackleton
 - c. Robert F. Scott

2. Who were the first people to climb to the top of Mount Everest?
 - a. Ernest Shackleton and Richard Boyd
 - b. Robert E. Peary and Matthew Henson
 - c. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay

3. Who led the first voyage around the world?
 - a. Christopher Columbus
 - b. Ferdinand Magellan
 - c. Amerigo Vespucci

4. What part of the world did Marco Polo explore?
 - a. Africa
 - b. South America
 - c. Asia

5. Who were the first Europeans to reach America?
 - a. the Vikings
 - b. the Portuguese
 - c. the Spanish

6. What is David Livingstone famous for?
 - a. He sailed around the world many times.
 - b. He explored Africa and searched for the source of the Nile River.
 - c. He explored the world's oceans and helped create the field of oceanography.

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7. What is Jacques Cousteau famous for?
 - a. He sailed around the world many times.
 - b. He explored Africa and was the first European to reach the source of the Nile River.
 - c. He explored the world's oceans and helped create the field of oceanography.

8. Which explorer is known for finding the *Titanic* and for using remotely controlled underwater devices?
 - a. Jacques Cousteau
 - b. Robert Ballard
 - c. William Beebe

9. Many European explorers sailed west to find a route to Asia. Which explorer found one by sailing east?
 - a. Vasco Da Gama
 - b. James Cook
 - c. Ponce De Leon

10. Who was the first person to walk on the Moon?
 - a. Buzz Aldrin
 - b. Neil Armstrong
 - c. John Glenn