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The First Fleet

Find out about the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788

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Arrival at Sydney Cove

In 1770, Lieutenant James Cook sailed along the east coast of Australia and claimed it for Britain, even though Aboriginal people already lived there.

Britain's prisons were overcrowded, so the government decided to send convicts to a new colony. In May 1787, eleven ships known as the **First Fleet** left England under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip. They carried convicts, marines, officers and their families.

After a voyage of about eight months, the fleet reached Botany Bay in January 1788. Phillip decided it was not suitable, and on 26 January 1788 he raised the British flag at Sydney Cove. This was the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Choose the best answer.

1. How many ships were in the First Fleet?
   ⓐ 3 ⓑ 11 ⓒ 50
2. Who commanded the First Fleet?
   ⓐ James Cook ⓑ Arthur Phillip ⓒ Matthew Flinders
3. Why did Britain send convicts to Australia?
   ⓐ to find gold ⓑ its prisons were overcrowded ⓒ convicts asked to go
4. When did the British flag go up at Sydney Cove?
   ⓐ 25 April 1915 ⓑ 1 January 1901 ⓒ 26 January 1788
5. Whose land was Sydney Cove?
   ⓐ nobody's ⓑ Captain Cook's ⓒ the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation

Number the events in order, 1 to 4.

☐ The fleet arrives at Botany Bay.

☐ Cook sails along the east coast.

☐ The British flag is raised at Sydney Cove.

☐ The First Fleet leaves England.

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1. b) 11
2. b) Arthur Phillip
3. b) its prisons were overcrowded
4. c) 26 January 1788
5. c) the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation

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6. Top to bottom: 3, 1, 4, 2

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