FAMOUS EXPLORERS

The date of birth, date of death, nationality and information about some explorers is given below. Use the information to answer the questions.

AMUNDSEN,Roald	(1872-1928) Norwegian. First person to reach the South Pole. Arrived about a month before R.F.Scott.
BALBOA,Vasco Nunez de	(1475-1517) Spanish. Discovered the Pacific Ocean.
COLUMBUS,Christopher	(1451-1506) Italian. Discovered the West Indies. Explored the American coast.
COOK,James	(1728-1779) English. Explored the seas around Australia. Killed by natives in Hawaii during exploration.
DIAZ,Bartholomew	(died 1501) Portuguese. First person to sail round the Cape of Good Hope.
DRAKE,Francis	(1540-1596) English. First Englishman to sail round the world. Fought against the Spanish Armada in 1588.
GAMA,Vasco Da	(?1460-1524) Portuguese. Sailed round Africa to India.
LIVINGSTONE,David	(1813-1873) Scottish. In 1840 he went to Africa. Discovered the Victoria Falls.
POLO,Marco	(1254-1323) Venetian. Explored China and the Far East.
PEARY,Robert Edwin	(1856-1920) American. First to reach the North Pole.
SCOTT,Robert Falcon	(1868-1912) English of Scottish ancestors. Reached the South Pole after Amundsen. Died on return journey.

29 Which explorer was born first? _____

30 Which explorer died most recently? _____

31 What age was Sir Francis Drake when he fought the Spanish Armada? _____

32 Who died when he was 60 years old? _____

33 How many British explorers are mentioned? _____

34 How many explorers can we be certain died while exploring ? _____

35 Why is there only one date given for Bartholomew Diaz? _____

36 Why is there a question mark beside one of Vasco Da Gama's dates? _____

37 When was the South Pole first reached? Circle one date. 1887 1898 1912 1928

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39 Which explorer lived only during the 18th Century? _____

40 Can you suggest why David Livingstone named a waterfall the Victoria Falls? _____