

Story from the shore

YARRABAH

Story from the ship

SHIPWRECKED AT
ENDEAVOUR REEF

10 June 1770:



Lined area for writing the story from the ship.

Yarrabah – Cape Grafton

James Cook, 9 June 1770: The point of land we were now abreast off I call'd Cape Grafton ... In the night we saw several fires along shore and a little before noon some people.

Explore the place known by its First Peoples as Yarrabah. Read about how the *Endeavour* came 'fast ashore a rock' at Endeavour Reef. Use the following information to help you. On the map, write your thoughts or wonderings about Yarrabah on the land and your journal entry on the sea.

Story from the shore

As the *Endeavour* sailed past Yarrabah – Cape Grafton, the crew saw men, women and children standing on the shore.

- If you were on the shore what would you have thought about the big ship out at sea?

Today, the First Peoples of Yarrabah believe their ancestors may have seen the *Endeavour* crew as white devil spirits.

- Draw a picture of what you think those white devil spirits would look like.

Shipwrecked at Endeavour Reef

Joseph Banks, 10 June 1770: Scarce were we warm in our beds when we were call'd up with alarming news of the ship being fast ashore upon a rock ...

Story from the ship

You are a crew member on board the *Endeavour*. You are fast asleep after a hard day working on deck when the ship comes to a jerking halt. You hear a loud thud and the creaking and groaning of the ship in the dark of the night. You sit up in panic and swing out of your hammock, push your way through the passageway and start climbing the ladder to the upper deck. As you lift the hatch you hear shouting. You step up onto the deck and see crew running everywhere. Your worst fears have come true. The *Endeavour* has hit a reef and is stuck fast. The ship is taking on water.

Write a journal entry about what happens next. As you write, think about the following:

- Sounds you hear and things you see.
- How you are feeling?
- What is happening around you?
- What orders are being given?
- What can be thrown overboard to lighten the ship?
- How will the ship be freed from the reef?
- How will the hole in the hull of the ship be sealed?
- What are you doing? Are you pumping water out of the hull, are you sealing (fothering) the hole, are you throwing things overboard, are you part of the crew in boats trying to free the ship from the reef?
- Will the ship sink or will it stay afloat?