BOARD OF LONGITUDE Explorers

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Transcription (normalised)

This morning I got no breakfast at noon, I got but a very poor dinner though. I was hungry, for there was neither dumplings nor soft bread, and I cannot yet reconcile myself to eating ship biscuit full of maggots and weevils. In the afternoon I got no tea, and being at want of something in the evening, I got the cook to boil me some chocolate. Luckily, he guarded the fire long enough from the sea to do it.

William Gooch's journal (extract)

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Description

Food on voyages of exploration was not always good. William describes how hungry he could get in his extract.

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Questions

- 1. Why was William hungry?
- 2. What are weevils?
- 3. Would you eat maggots and weevils if there was no other food?





