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My Bad Luck Begins

Preview Questions

1. Does your father have a plan for your life?
2. Would you like to visit other countries? Which ones?
3. Have you ever been sea sick?

My name is Robinson Crusoe, and I was born in 1632 in the city of York. My father was a successful businessman. I had two older brothers. One of them was in the army and was killed in the war with Spain. My other brother disappeared one day, and we never knew what happened to him. My father gave me a good education and wanted me to be a lawyer.

I didn't want to be a lawyer. I wanted to be a sailor and go to sea. My father was very angry with me. He asked me why I wanted to leave his house, where I would have an easy and comfortable life.

"Two kinds of people go to sea," he said. "There are the very poor people and the very rich people. The very poor people are **ignorant** and foolish and have no other way to live. The very rich people own the ships and make a lot of money with them. You are not foolish, and you are not very rich. You are in the middle, and you should choose a middle way for your life. Most of the bad things in the world happen to the very rich or the very poor. You are lucky to be in the middle. It is safer and easier! Stay home with your mother and me. Your older brother would not

listen to me, and now he is dead. If you do not listen to me, you will have a difficult life!”

I tried to do what he wanted, but I couldn't. I spoke to my mother.

“Please ask father if he will let me have one **voyage** on the sea,” I asked her. “When I return, I will live the life he wants me to live.”

She was very angry. “Don't be a fool! Your father will not let you. How can you even think about it after he spoke to you? I agree with him. I do not want you to go to sea. It is too dangerous.”

I argued with my parents for another year. Then, I went to Hull with a friend who was going to London on a ship. He invited me to go with him, and I agreed. I did not ask my parents. I did not even tell them. I just went. That was how all my bad luck began.

As soon as the ship set sail, the wind began to blow, and soon we were in a storm. It was my first day at sea, and I was very frightened. I was certain that I would die. I remembered what my father and mother had said. I decided that if I got back safely onto dry land, I would go home to my father and never go on a ship again.

The next day, the storm was gone. The sea was calm. On the third day, there was almost no wind, and the sun shone on the water. I had never seen anything so beautiful. My friend talked to me about the storm, and that night we drank a lot of **punch**. I was drunk and soon forgot all about my promise to go home. I even laughed at myself for being frightened on my first day at sea.

On the sixth day, the wind was not strong, but it blew



the wrong way, so the ship made little progress. We had to wait at Yarmouth for the wind to change direction. A lot of other ships were waiting there, too. While we waited, there was another storm. This storm was much worse than the first, and the sailors began to show fear. Even the captain was frightened. One of the other ships **sank**. I cannot describe how frightened I was! We had a good ship and good sailors, but the waves were so high that water came into the ship. We had to work very hard on the **pumps** to stop the ship from sinking, but we did not succeed. At last, another ship sent a small boat to help us, and we got on it. Fifteen minutes later, we saw our ship sink.

It took many hours of rowing to bring the boat to the shore. Then, we walked to Yarmouth. The people of Yarmouth gave us enough money to go home. I should have gone home. My father would have been happy. I would have lived an easy and happy life. My friend's father was the captain of the ship. He warned me not to go to sea.

"This happened on your first voyage," he said. "It is a sign that you should not go to sea. Your father is right. You should stay home."

I used my money to go to London. I did not want to go home. I had failed. I was certain that everybody would laugh at me. After a while, I forgot how frightening the storm was, and I began to look for a new voyage. I wanted to see the world. I met a captain who invited me to go with him on a voyage to Africa. I got some money from my relatives and went with him.

This was the only successful voyage I ever made. I was often sick during the voyage, but I learned how to **navigate**

and be a sailor. The captain was an honest man and helped me to buy things in Africa that I could trade. When we returned to England, I sold them and made a good profit. I was very pleased and decided to go on another voyage as soon as I could. I was a successful trader. I left half the money I had with a friend and took the other half with me.

This time, however, my usual bad luck returned.

Review Questions

1. Why was Crusoe's father angry with him?
2. Did Crusoe's mother help him to convince his father to go?
3. How did Crusoe's first voyage end?

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I. Work with your classmates. Write as much as you can to fill in the blanks.

What do you know about each of the following?

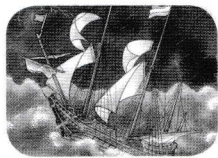
Sailing on the ocean

Surviving on an island

Making a new friend

II. Scan through the book and answer the following.

1. Write one word to describe each of the following pictures.



a. _____



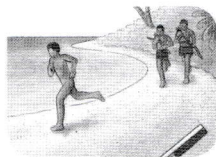
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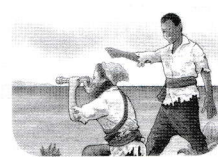
c. _____



d. _____



e. _____



f. _____

2. Match three words or phrases that go together.

I

EX. *sail*

- a. axe •
- b. flour •
- c. footprint •
- d. captain •

II

- heel •
- meal •
- first mate •
- row •
- wood •

III

- husks
- *current*
- bones
- passenger
- fence

3. Now write the chapter title that matches each of the above answers.

EX. *A Dangerous Voyage*

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

My Bad Luck Begins

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Robinson enjoyed the beautiful, calm sea, and drank punch.
- _____ Robinson's father got angry and told him to choose a safe and easy life.
- _____ The sailors worked the pumps hard, but the ship sank anyway.
- _____ Robinson bought things in Africa to sell in England.
- _____ Robinson's older brother was killed in the war with Spain.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Robinson's father not want him to be a sailor?
 - a. His older brother was killed at sea.
 - b. Life at sea was dangerous and difficult.
 - c. He wanted him to be a doctor instead.
 - d. There had been many pirate attacks.

2. What frightened Robinson the most on his first voyage?

a. The other sailors	b. Pirates
c. The punch	d. A very bad storm

3. How did Robinson and the other sailors get to dry land safely?
 - a. They pumped the water out of the ship to prevent it from sinking.
 - b. They reached the shore just as the ship started to sink.
 - c. They rowed to shore on a small boat sent by another ship.
 - d. They swam until they reached the shore.

4. Why did Robinson decide to go on another voyage?
 - a. Although his first voyage was frightening, it was also exciting and ended well.
 - b. His friend's father encouraged him to try a second voyage.
 - c. The captain of the first voyage invited him to make a second voyage.
 - d. The weather was supposed to be better for the second voyage.

III. Circle the correct word.

1. One of Robinson's brothers (disappeared / reappeared) one day and never returned.
2. A(n) (army / lawyer) spends a lot of time in court.
3. An (ignorant / informed) person has not received very much education.
4. A trip across the sea is called a (voyage / ship).
5. Robinson (fooled / argued) with his parents about going to sea.
6. The sun (shone / calmed) on the water.
7. Our team hasn't made much (interest / progress) on our project.
8. The *Titanic* (sank / floated) to the bottom of the sea after it hit an iceberg.
9. A ship has (punch / pumps) to deal with water that comes into it.
10. The captain knows how to (profit / navigate) the ship.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| • invited him to go | • was successful |
| • be a sailor | • be a lawyer |
| • hours of rowing | • his bad luck returned |
| • born in the city | • reached the shore |

Robinson Crusoe was 1 _____ of York. He wanted to 2 _____, but his father wanted him to 3 _____. On his first voyage, there was a bad storm and his ship sank. After many 4 _____, he and the other sailors 5 _____. He then met a captain who 6 _____ on a voyage to Africa. This voyage 7 _____. He bought things in Africa and sold them in England for a good profit. However, on his next voyage, 8 _____.

How I Got to Brazil

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Xury promised to go with Robinson and they sailed south.
- _____ A group of black people brought some food to the shore.
- _____ Robinson became the personal slave of the pirate captain.
- _____ Xury and Robinson killed a huge animal and made a blanket from its skin.
- _____ The crew of a Portuguese ship took Robinson and Xury on board.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. How long was Robinson held as a slave in Morocco?
 - a. Two days
 - b. Two weeks
 - c. Two months
 - d. Two years
2. Why did the pirate captain send Robinson out in a small boat?
 - a. He was too busy to fish for his own dinner.
 - b. He wanted Robinson to find more slaves.
 - c. It was too foggy.
 - d. He did not like to fish for dinner himself.
3. Why were Robinson and Xury afraid of meeting people along the coast?
 - a. They thought the people might take them back to the pirate captain.
 - b. They thought the people might be cannibals.
 - c. They didn't want the people to steal their boat.
 - d. They didn't want the people to steal their food.
4. Why did Robinson think the Portuguese captain was a nice man?
 - a. He saved Robinson and Xury from the cannibals.
 - b. He helped Robinson get back to England.
 - c. He looked after Robinson in Brazil.
 - d. He taught Robinson how to navigate.