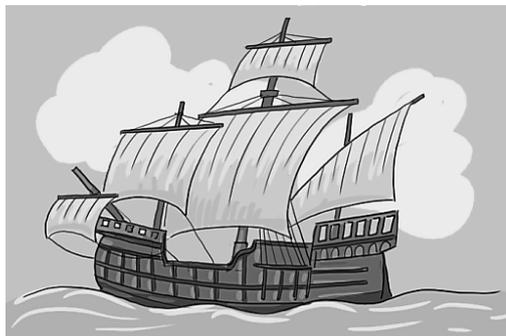


A Reading

Stranded on Treasure Island

- 1 [1] Bright sunlight woke Tom. This was definitely not his bed in his family's little house in Southwark, London. Where was he? Slowly he opened his eyes. Sand and palm trees as far as he could see. Behind him he could
- 5 hear the sound of waves. Then he remembered ...



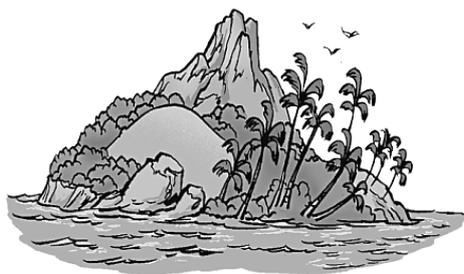
- [2] Living in one of the poorer areas in London, his parents had a hard time feeding seven little hungry
- 10 mouths. So when a letter arrived from his uncle in the Bahamas offering him a place at his plantation, they accepted. They collected all the money they had and bought him a passage¹ on the next ship leaving for the Caribbean. It was September 10, 1732 when he went on board the huge ship HMS Lightning that would take him and twenty other passengers as well as goods to the Caribbean.

- 15 [3] The first few days on the ship were exciting. Tom had never left Southwark before. He couldn't believe that the world outside was so big and wonderful. But soon the voyage became boring. A blue sky and the grey ocean day after day.

- [4] Then after two weeks, they could see dark clouds in the distance and the wind became stronger.
- 20 The captain told all the passengers to go under deck. Tom sat there with the other women, children and men hoping that the ship wouldn't sink. For two horrible nights Tom could not sleep because huge waves kept hitting against the ship. Then the wind suddenly stopped. When a few days later land could be seen, Tom was glad.

- 25 [5] However, before they could get to the island, they were attacked by pirates. Tom still didn't know how the pirates had found them. But he remembered how he was woken by men shouting and shooting. He heard the captain and his men trying to defend² the ship. Then there was a loud boom; the ship was hit by something and, suddenly the room filled with water. The people around him panicked and tried to get out. But it was too late; the ship started to sink. Tom grabbed a barrel that
- 30 was floating³ next to him. Then everything went dark. Something must have hit him on the head.

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- [6] And now he was here at this beach with no idea where he was or how he had gotten there. But he knew that he couldn't stay there. He needed to get out of the sun and find food and water. Slowly he stood and went to the trees. There was a path near him which he decided to follow. Maybe this island wasn't as lonely as it seemed after all. And in fact, after a few minutes he heard voices. Tom went towards the noise but stopped suddenly when he saw a group of men standing in front of a cave. Boxes of different sizes were lying on the ground between them.

"I'm not sure we should leave them here. I say it's not safe. What if someone finds the remains⁴ of the last ship we attacked.

40 "Stop complaining, John. We've stored⁵ our treasures here for months and nobody has found them."

[7] Tom was shocked. These were the pirates who had attacked their ship! If they saw him, they would kill him. He had to get away. But it was too late.

"Hey, who's there? Stop, or I'll shoot your little head off!"

45 Tom froze. Eyes wide he saw one of the pirates pointing a gun in his direction.

"Is this one of the passengers from the HMS Lightning? I say shoot him. He has seen our treasure. He must die!"

"No;" said one of the men who wore a black hat and a strange sword. "He's just a boy. He is no danger. Let's keep him and teach him. He'll be a scary little pirate one day, just like the rest of us."

50 "But, Captain ..." "Enough." said the pirates' captain. Then he turned to Tom. "Well, boy. What do you say? Would you like to join us and pledge your allegiance to me? Or would you like to die here and now." Tom looked at the pirate with fear⁶ in his eyes. What should he do?



¹ passage = Überfahrt; ² to defend = verteidigen; ³ to float = treiben, schwimmen; ⁴ remains = Überreste; ⁵ to store = lagern; ⁶ fear = Angst, Furcht

○ **1 Which headings belong to which paragraphs in the text? Write the correct numbers.**

- _____ Treasure Island
- _____ What happened?
- _____ Surviving the storm
- _____ An invitation to the Caribbean
- _____ A difficult decision
- _____ A boring journey
- _____ Attacked at night

○ **2 Tick the correct ending for each sentence.**

1. When Tom woke up ...

- a) he felt hungry and thirsty.
- b) he didn't know where he was.

4. During the storm Tom ...

- a) helped the women and children.
- b) found no sleep.

2. He entered the HMS Lightning ...

- a) with twenty other passengers.
- b) to travel to Bermuda.

5. When the pirates attacked ...

- a) the captain tried to fight them.
- b) the ship caught fire.

3. After the first days the journey became...

- a) wonderful.
- b) boring.

6. The pirates wanted to kill Tom because ...

- a) he had seen their treasure.
- b) he was a passenger of the HMS Lightning.

3 Right or wrong? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

	right	wrong
1. Tom lived in the <u>17th</u> century.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. He left London to work at a <u>plantation</u> in the Caribbean.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The storm lasted for <u>three</u> days.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. During the attack Tom was hit <u>on the head</u> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Tom went towards <u>the pirates</u> and their treasure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. One of the pirates threatened ¹ him <u>with his sword</u> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B Writing

A comment for the writing competition

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