

CHAPTER 1

I was born in England. My father wanted me to be a lawyer, but I wanted to go to sea.

He said, “God won’t bless you if you go to sea.”

I didn’t believe him.

“You can’t go,” he said.

A year later, I was in Hull, in the north of England. My friend was going on a ship to London. He told me to go with him. I didn’t ask my parents for permission. I just went.

It was 1st September, 1651. We left the river on the ship and things went wrong. There was a storm. The waves were high. I was sick. I prayed and made promises to God.

“I’ll go straight home if we don’t die,” I said.

The next day, there was less wind. The storm was over. My friend gave me a drink of punch and we got drunk. I forgot all my promises to God.

On the eighth day, there was another storm. This was a very bad storm. It was the worst ever.

Our ship was sinking. We got into a lifeboat and watched it. I was **scared**.

scared (adj.) frightened, afraid



*Our ship was sinking.
We got into a lifeboat and watched it.*

We got **safely** to land.

“This journey was a test for me,” I said to my friend and his father.

“Young man, you shouldn’t go to sea again. Heaven is against it,” the man said but I didn’t listen.

I found a ship. It was going to Africa. I didn’t go as a sailor.



Pirates attacked the ship by the Canary Islands.

The sailors worked hard but they learned about the sea. They became officers.

I paid to be a passenger. I didn't learn anything about ships or sailing.

This trip was the only good one. I made friends with the Captain. He died when we returned to England.

I went back to Africa on the ship. Pirates attacked the ship by the Canary Islands. They sailed the ship to the Moroccan port of Sallee. The pirate captain made me his slave.

The rest of the crew became slaves of the Emperor of Morocco.

I was a slave for two years. Then I managed to steal the pirate captain's fishing boat and escaped. I had two slaves with me. I threw one into the sea.

Xury was the other. "I'll be your slave," he said. We sailed away from Sallee.

I was scared of meeting wild men or the Moors of Morocco.

We stopped for water and met a great lion. We shot it three times to kill it. Xury cut off its foot to take with him.

safe (adj) free from harm or danger

safely (adv) in a safe manner, without being damaged or harmed

GRAMMAR CHECK

Test-1

Put these words in the correct order so that the sentences make sense.

1. was / island / happy / I / on / my

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2. were / hares / the / eating / small / shoots

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3. to / of / some / the / boats / cannibals / escaped / their

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4. I / through / was / woods / walking / the

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5. I / cave / decided / to / underground / dig / an

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6. the / his / pirate / made / captain / me / slave

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7. parrot / I / speak / taught / found a / and / him / to

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8. running / I / gunpowder / out / of / was

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9. the / many / I / made / ship / journeys / to

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10. I / my / Brazil / cargo / in / sold

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VOCABULARY CHECK

Test-1

Fill in the blanks with the words below.

shivering **safely** **carved** **board** **footprint**
journal **undeground** **safe** **permission** **planted**

1. This is not a place. We should stay somewhere else.
2. I went to the ship. I found many helpful things on
3. I would like to keep a travel on my trip to Spain.
4. He her name on the desk. He loves her so much.
5. She was because she had only her shirt on.
6. We rowed our boat and got to land.
7. He decided to dig an cave to keep them in at night.
8. He wanted to grow his own food. He seeds in the ground.
9. Robinson saw a in the sand. It didn't belong to him.
10. She didn't ask her parents for She just went.