

## People in the story

**Robinson Crusoe:** an Englishman who wants to travel and see the world; he spends nearly thirty years on an island

**The pirates:** the people who attack Robinson's ship; he has to live with a pirate captain for two years

**The cannibals:** the people who sometimes cook and eat their prisoners on Robinson's island; Robinson lives in fear of them

**Friday:** a cannibal who becomes Friday's servant and friend

**The Spaniards:** the sailors who are shipwrecked near Robinson's island

## BEFORE YOU READ



- 1 Look at the cover and the pictures in the first two chapters.  
Do you think Robinson Crusoe is a pirate?

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## LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answer to *Before you read* on page 6.

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the sentences with the places in the box.

Africa	London	Morocco
<del>Germany</del>	Brazil	the Caribbean islands

- 1 Although Robinson was born in England, his father's family came from Germany.
- 2 After his first trip abroad, Robinson returns to .....
- 3 Robinson isn't a free man in the two years he spends in ..... .
- 4 Robinson goes on a Portuguese ship to .....
- 5 Robinson leaves his farm to go on another trip to .....
- 6 Robinson and his men are sailing towards ..... when they have to leave their ship during a storm.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Robinson's parents wanted him to be a lawyer / soldier.
- 2 Robinson is on his way to *London* / *Hull* when his ship sinks.
- 3 Robinson comes back from his first trip abroad with *three hundred* / *two hundred and sixty* pounds more than he left with.
- 4 In Morocco, Robinson lives in a *prison* / *house* on the coast.
- 5 Robinson spends *four* / *eight* years in Brazil.
- 6 From the island, Robinson makes *twelve* / *thirteen* trips to the ship to get things.

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Robinson's father wants him to stay at home because ☒ c
- 2 Before he goes on his second trip abroad, Robinson leaves some money in England ☐
- 3 Robinson manages to escape from the pirates ☐
- 4 Robinson gets enough money to buy a farm in Brazil ☐
- 5 On the way to the Caribbean, Robinson and the other sailors leave the ship because ☐
  - a by selling Xury.
  - b with his dead friend's wife.
  - c he thinks travelling is dangerous.
  - d they think they will die if they stay on it.
  - e when he's on a fishing trip.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 How does Robinson feel on his first morning on the island?

*He feels sad when he thinks of his dead friends.*

- 2 What does Robinson take from the ship to the island?

- 3 What happens to the ship at the end of Chapter 5?

## LOOKING FORWARD

6 What do you think happens in the next five chapters?

Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Robinson eat and drink when all the food from the ship has gone?

- 2 Is he happy on the island?

## LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 29.

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Robinson builds a home in a cave / on the beach.
- 2 He finds that the best time to plant seeds on the island is when the ground is wet / dry.
- 3 He makes a second home in a field / forest.
- 4 Robinson's main reason for wanting a cooking pot is so that he can cook meat / eggs properly.
- 5 He makes two / three boats from trees.
- 6 He is excited / frightened when he finds the footprint in the sand.

- 3 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The fence around Robinson's cave has an entrance to walk through. ☒ F
- 2 There are wild animals on the island. ☐
- 3 Even after many years on the island, Robinson knows what day it is. ☐
- 4 During his first wet season on the island, Robinson gets very ill. ☐
- 5 Robinson knows that he can't get to the land in the distance in a small canoe. ☐
- 6 The sea on the east of the island is safer than the sea on the west. ☐
- 7 The footprint that Robinson finds is his own. ☐
- 8 Robinson spends two years trying to make his home safer. ☐

4 What do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

1 It was the perfect place. (page 30) the cave Robinson finds

2 I did this every day until I left the island. (page 33)

3 The only way to find out was to go there. (page 38)

4 I then spent another six weeks cutting it into the shape of a canoe. (page 39)

5 I think I might have done this, but I slowly began to think more clearly. (page 46)

5 Answer the questions.

1 Why is it important for Robinson to see the sea from his home?

2 What does Robinson use the goats for?

3 What does Robinson worry about after he finds the footprint in the sand?

4 By the end of Chapter 10, how long has Robinson been on the island?

## LOOKING FORWARD

6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next five chapters.

1 More people come to live on the island. ☐

2 Robinson leaves the island. ☐

3 Robinson is caught by cannibals. ☐

## LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 49.

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Robinson realises that the cannibals *often* / *don't often* come to the island.
- 2 Robinson *discovers* / *builds* a new place to hide.
- 3 Robinson is excited to see the European ship because he thinks he will find *people* / *gold* on it.
- 4 Robinson wants the cannibals to come back to the island because he wants to *kill them* / *make one his servant*.
- 5 Robinson kills *one cannibal* / *two cannibals* when he helps Friday.
- 6 Friday *is* / *isn't* a cannibal.
- 7 Robinson and Friday plan to leave the island in the *rainy* / *dry* season.
- 8 The prisoner in the canoe is Friday's *friend* / *father*.

- 3 Put the sentences about Friday in the correct order.

- 1 Friday kills a cannibal with a sword. ☐
- 2 Friday promises never to eat people again. ☐
- 3 Friday runs away from the cannibals. ☒
- 4 Friday sees Robinson. ☐
- 5 Friday tells Robinson that there was a war between his country and the cannibals. ☐
- 6 Friday wants to eat the dead cannibals. ☐

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 The people in the ship fire their guns because ☒ d
- 2 After his trip to the Spanish ship, ☐
- 3 Friday wants to eat the dead men, ☐
- 4 When Robinson sees the European prisoner, ☐
  - a he decides to attack the cannibals.
  - b but Robinson tells him it's wrong.
  - c Robinson is richer than before.
  - d they see Robinson's fire.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Robinson call his servant Friday?  
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- 2 Why does Robinson sleep with a gun when Friday first arrives on the island?  
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- 3 What happened to the men who were on the Spanish ship?  
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## LOOKING FORWARD

6 What do you think happens in the final chapters? Answer the questions.

- 1 Do the men try to leave the island?  
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- 2 Does Robinson return to England?  
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- 3 What happens to Friday?  
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## LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 71.

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the summary of Chapter 18 with the words in the box.

sailors (x2)	two	Robinson (x2)	ten	Friday
seven	the captain (x2)	three	eight	

<sup>1</sup> Ten more <sup>2</sup> ..... leave the ship in a boat to see what has happened to the men on the island. When they arrive on the island, they can't find their friends, but they do find their boat. <sup>3</sup> ..... of the sailors go to look for their friends while the other <sup>4</sup> ..... take their boat out to sea and wait. When they can't find anyone, they decide to go back to the ship. <sup>5</sup> ..... knows he has to do something, so <sup>6</sup> ..... and an officer go into the wood and call for help. The sailors think it is their friends who are shouting and <sup>7</sup> ..... of them go to look. Quickly, <sup>8</sup> ..... and the others attack the <sup>9</sup> ..... men in the boat. When the sailors return, it is night and they can't leave until the following morning. When they are asleep, the captain and the other men kill two of the <sup>10</sup> ..... and take the others as prisoners. The next morning, <sup>11</sup> ..... and his men take the two boats to the ship. There is a fight, but when Robinson hears the guns fire seven times, he knows <sup>12</sup> ..... has won.



**3** Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Robinson wants to go to Friday's island to make a boat. ☒ F
- 2 Friday's father and the Spaniard leave the island. ☐
- 3 Robinson leaves Friday on the island with the sailors. ☐
- 4 Robinson's family is waiting for him when he arrives in England. ☐
- 5 Robinson gets good news from his friends in Brazil. ☐
- 6 He travels over land from London to Lisbon. ☐
- 7 Robinson never travels by ship again, after he returns to London from Lisbon. ☐

**4** Read the sentences from the text and answer the questions.

- 1 'Sometimes even good men can be bad when they're hungry.'  
(page 74)

What does the Spanish captain mean?

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- 2 I think they were even more surprised to see how I was dressed. (page 78)

How was Robinson dressed?

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- 3 England was like a foreign country to me. (page 86)

What does Robinson mean?

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**5** Answer the questions.

- 1 Why did the sailors bring the English captain and the other two prisoners to Robinson's island?

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- 2 What happens to Robinson and Friday on the journey from Lisbon to London?

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