

# Robinson Crusoe

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# ROBINSON CRUSOE

## Chapter 1

### *The First Adventure at Sea*

I was born in 1632, in York. My father was a foreigner from Bremen, Germany. He first moved to Hull for business then went to York. He got married there. I had two elder brothers, so I was the youngest in the family. Both of my brothers were killed and I was the only child left. My parents were very old and they sent me to a public school in the country. I didn't like the school. Sea was the only thing that made me happy. My father was a wise man who was very worried about my new interest. I wanted to leave my father's house and sail away. My old man thought it was not such a good idea to leave my native country. He reminded me of all the possible dangers and difficulties at sea. He told me that seeking adventure at sea was crazy. My father was a happy man with the things he owned but I was unhappy with the things I did not own. My parents' way of living and the peace of a middle fortune did not make me happy. They both did their best to keep me happy but I always wanted more. One of my elder brothers who did not listen to my

eight days, we passed through Yarmouth and arrived in New Castle where I saw many ships. Later, we had a terrible storm again. I was very frightened and worried. Our master said his prayers.



‘Mercy, Great Lord! Mercy!’ he said softly.

As I got out of my cabin, I saw how high the sea was. Our men cried out for help. I didn’t want to die like that. We had a good ship but the storm was so violent.

‘Is the ship sinking?’ I asked.

Nobody answered my question. Our master fired guns for help. After a short while, a ship came to rescue us. After a great difficulty, we got into their boat. Our ship sunk and we all saw it. When I saw the shore with many people running and moving along to help us, I got very happy. We were all lucky because we got safely on shore. My friend, the master’s son, introduced me to his father. He told his father that it was my first time at sea.

‘Young man, you must never go to sea again,’ he said.

‘Why, sir?’ I asked.

‘Pray because you are alive.’

‘Will you not go to sea anymore?’ I asked.

‘It’s my duty. My case is different from yours,’ the master answered.

We parted soon after and I never saw him again. I had little money in my pocket but I could travel to London by land. For a while, I didn’t know what to do with my life. I didn’t want to go back home because I was ashamed of myself and I didn’t want to see my parents in a state of disappointment.





## Chapter 2

### *The Slavery and the Escape*

The captain of our ship on the coast of Guinea was very friendly and honest. It was the only successful voyage in all my adventures. I learnt a lot from the captain. I got basic knowledge of mathematics and the rules of navigation. This voyage made me both a sailor and trader. Unfortunately, the good captain died, so a new master got the command of the ship. It was the worst voyage ever. Violent pirates followed our ship and we all prepared to fight. They were too many, so we could not keep them away from our ship. The Moors, North Africans, took us into Sallee Port. We were all prisoners. The captain of the pirates kept me for his business. I was not a trader anymore. I was a slave. I was all hopeless and miserable, remembering my poor father and mother all the time. My new master took me to his house. He ordered me to look after his garden and do the other chores around the house. I missed my freedom very much so I hoped to escape from slavery. When he came back from his voyage, he ordered me to look after his ship.



## Chapter 6

### *The King of the Island*

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, it was exactly one year on the island. I felt terrible and I did not know how to escape from the unhappy island. My life was never dull there because I always needed to learn more about methods and techniques to survive. I grew different vegetables, fruit and plants. I was very much interested in my grapes. I raised animals and had a fence for them. I went hunting with my dog and taught my parrot how to speak. I can say that I had a large family on the island. As I mentioned before, I wanted to explore more on the island. I travelled up the stream and saw the other side of the island. I always took my gun and dog with me when I went out. I did not know what part of the world it was. I thought it was a part of America near the Spanish dominions. I found that the island was inhabited by savages. The other side of the island was more beautiful than my place but my house was like a natural home to me. So I did not want to remove my house.





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## Activities

### Chapter 1

**Read Chapter 1 and circle the correct answer for each question.**

**1. How many brothers did Robinson have?**

- a) 2
- b) 3

**2. Why were Robinson's parents in tears?**

- a) Because they lost their money.
- b) Because they lost their two sons.

**3. What was Robinson Crusoe's dream?**

- a) He wanted to be a sailor.
- b) He wanted to be an actor.

**4. Where was his first voyage to?**

- a) Hull
- b) London

**5. How did he first feel at sea?**

- a) He felt great.
- b) He felt scared.

**6. Where did he travel next?**

- a) Australia
- b) Africa

## Characters

**A. What do you know about these characters? Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.**

Robinson	Xury	Friday
Robinson's father	The captain	The master

1. .... was friendly and honest .
2. .... was a wise man.
3. .... fired guns for help .
4. I let the captain have ..... .
5. .... was all alone on an island.
6. .... knelt down and kissed the ground.

**B. How do you feel about the people in the story? Circle the best answer for each character.**

1. Robinson
  - a. I feel sorry for him.
  - b. He's lonely.
  - c. He's very brave.
2. Xury
  - a. I feel sorry for him.
  - b. He's a poor boy.
  - c. He's a good boy.

## Word search

Find the twelve words from the story and write them down.

V	B	S	A	V	A	G	E	K	O
O	I	P	A	R	R	O	T	T	C
Y	S	S	A	i	L	O	R	N	A
A	L	A	S	G	H	B	F	O	N
G	A	F	G	E	R	X	L	K	N
E	N	C	O	R	N	C	E	W	I
K	D	A	S	D	F	G	S	Q	B
V	I	C	T	I	M	J	H	A	A
S	H	I	P	W	R	E	C	K	L
S	U	R	V	I	V	E	K	A	V

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|-----------|----------|
| 1. SAVAGE | 7. ....  |
| 2. ....   | 8. ....  |
| 3. ....   | 9. ....  |
| 4. ....   | 10. .... |
| 5. ....   | 11. .... |
| 6. ....   | 12. .... |



## Glossary

<b>accept</b>	agree to take an offer * I don't want to <i>accept</i> his offer.
<b>adventure</b>	an exciting experience * They need a new <i>adventure</i> .
<b>advice</b>	a suggestion to give someone * A piece of good <i>advice</i> is always helpful.
<b>affect</b>	influence someone or something * He <i>affected</i> his wife's life negatively.
<b>afloat</b>	floating on water * The suitcase was <i>afloat</i> .
<b>alive</b>	not dead * Is your grandma still <i>alive</i> ?
<b>anchor</b>	drop a heavy metal into water to stop a boat * The captain <i>anchored</i> all night.
<b>ancient</b>	very old * I am very much interested in <i>ancient</i> history.
<b>ashamed</b>	feeling guilt or embarrassed * She's not <i>ashamed</i> of herself.

<b>wheat</b>	the grain * There are many <i>wheat</i> fields.
<b>whenever</b>	at any time * Call me <i>whenever</i> you want to.
<b>wind</b>	a fast movement of air * <i>Wind</i> rarely blows here.
<b>wise</b>	a person with lots of knowledge and experience * My grandfather is a <i>wise</i> man.
<b>worried</b>	anxious * I was <i>worried</i> about my friend.