

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



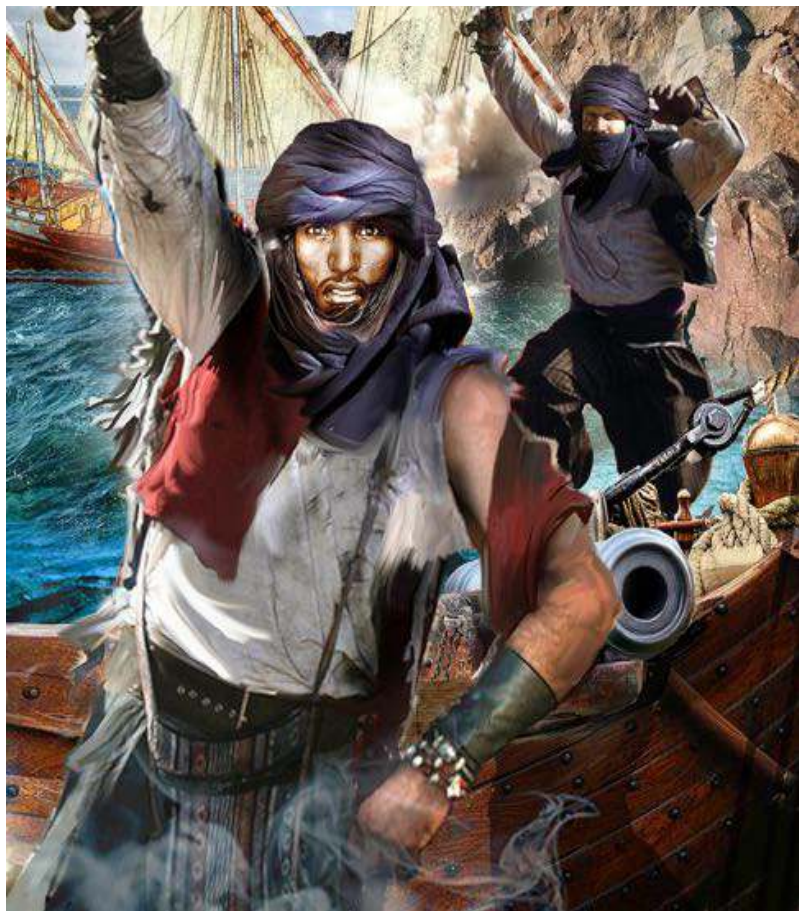
*Our ship was sinking.
We got into a lifeboat and watched it.*

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
.....
2. were / hares / the / eating / small / shoots
.....
3. to / of / some / the / boats / cannibals / escaped / their
.....
4. I / through / was / woods / walking / the
.....
5. I / cave / decided / to / underground / dig / an
.....
6. the / his / pirate / made / captain / me / slave
.....
7. parrot / I / speak / taught / found a / and / him / to
.....
8. running / I / gunpowder / out / of / was
.....
9. the / many / I / made / ship / journeys / to
.....
10. I / my / Brazil / cargo / in / sold
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Test-2

Choose the best answer.

The Spaniard told me ¹..... his ship. It was wrecked ²..... the mainland. Sixteen of the men lived. The cannibals didn't bother them.

I asked, "Will your men help us ³.....?" Spain and England were enemies. I was scared. "They are in a bad condition. They will not hurt the man ⁴..... saves them," the Spaniard said. Friday's father and the Spaniard went in a boat to get the sailors. We ⁵..... more food for the ship.

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| 1. | a. over | b. about | c. for |
| 2. | a. above | b. at | c. on |
| 3. | a. to escape | b. escaping | c. escaped |
| 4. | a. that | b. which | c. when |
| 5. | a. grown | b. grew | c. growing |

One day, I was walking through the woods. I ⁶..... a small cave. I went inside. I saw two eyes shining in the cave. I was scared. I ⁷..... out. "Silly," I thought. I went back into the cave. There was a goat ⁸..... the ground. He was old. I looked around the cave. There was a hole at the back. It was ⁹..... dark. I decided ¹⁰..... back later and explore.

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| 6. | a. found | b. find | c. finds |
| 7. | a. run | b. ran | c. have run |
| 8. | a. at | b. to | c. on |
| 9. | a. any | b. too | c. never |
| 10. | a. come | b. coming | c. to come |

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.