

CHAPTER 1

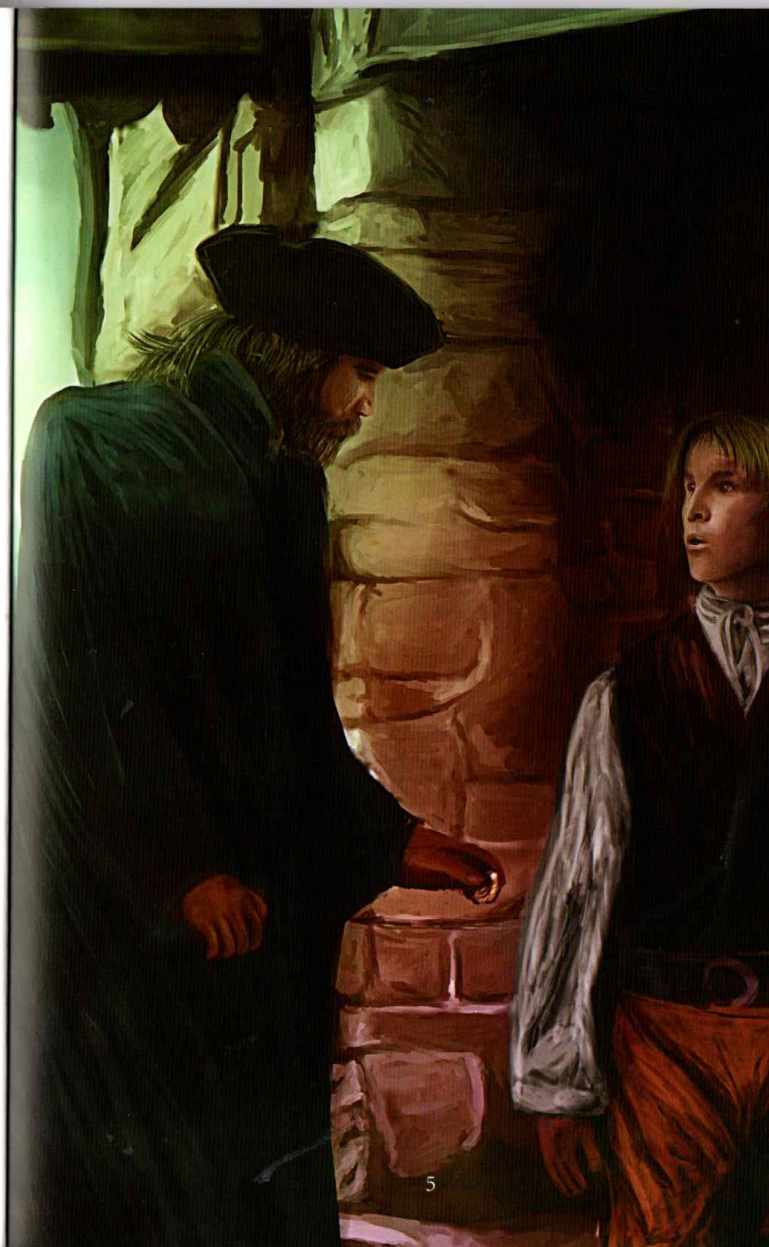
THE ADVENTURE OF TREASURE ISLAND STARTED WITH A mysterious guest called the Captain. Jim Hawkins remembers the day the man arrived as if it was yesterday. It was the year 17—, and Jim was working at the ‘Admiral Benbow’ inn. The ‘Admiral Benbow’ was on the coast of England, in a lonely spot. The customers were usually local people, but this stranger was obviously not from any nearby town. He was tall, strong, and heavy, with dark brown skin. His long hair hung over the back of his dirty blue coat in a pigtail and there was an ugly white scar on his face. Behind him, he dragged an old chest. Jim supposed he had been a sailor once, and watched him curiously.

“Much business here, madam?” he asked Jim’s mother, looking along the shore.

“No, I’m afraid not!” Mrs Hawkins answered, sadly. The inn barely made enough money to support Jim and his mother, a widow.

The sailor looked pleased. “I’ll stay here,” he said. “I’d like breakfast every morning, and a room from where I can watch the sea. You can call me the Captain,” he added. This was the only name for him they ever learned. The Captain rarely talked to them. He passed the time walking along the shore, or in his upstairs room, watching the sea. Once he gave Jim a silver coin, and told him to “watch out for a sailor with only one leg.” At first Jim thought that the Captain was lonely and was hoping for some other sailors to visit, but soon he realised that the Captain was afraid of this one-legged man. In fact, he avoided any sailor who came to the ‘Admiral Benbow’.

In the evenings, however, the Captain often joined the locals downstairs in the inn, and told stories of his days at sea – stories of robbing and sinking ships, of bloody murders, and the horrible punishments that pirates used, such as making people walk the plank. His most frightening stories were about Captain Flint, a pirate famous in England and all over the world. Flint was dead



now, but he had robbed so many ships and murdered so many people that just hearing his name frightened the villagers. Jim was afraid that the Captain would keep people away from the inn. Once they got used to him, however, they found the Captain quite interesting. After all, nothing very exciting had ever happened until he came to the 'Admiral Benbow.' As for Jim, he was not afraid of the Captain. However, he often wondered about the one-legged man the Captain was watching for. This one-legged sailor seemed to be one of the two men that the Captain was afraid of. The other one was Dr Livesey.

Dr Livesey was an old friend of Jim's family. One evening he came to dinner. There were quite a few guests at the 'Admiral Benbow' that evening, all eating and talking together. The Captain was there too. Jim noticed the difference between the doctor, who had tidy clothes, a clean white wig and pleasant manners, and the Captain. As usual, their guest wore his dirty coat, and his white scar showed horribly on his red face. Suddenly, the Captain hit his hand on the table. This was the signal for people to stop talking, because he was ready to tell one of his stories. Silence fell over the room. Dr Livesey, however, ignored the Captain and continued talking with Mrs Hawkins. The Captain stared at him in surprise, then shouted: "Silence there!"

"Were you addressing me, sir?" the doctor asked politely.

"Yes, I was!" the Captain shouted back. To show he was serious, he pulled out a knife and pointed it at the doctor.

"I have just one thing to say to you," Dr Livesey replied, in a calm voice. "I am not just a doctor, but also a magistrate. Put that knife in your pocket right now, or you will be arrested immediately and hanged before the end of the month."

The Captain and Dr Livesey stared at each other for several long moments. Jim held his breath. Nobody had ever dared stand up to the Captain before! Then suddenly, with a short laugh, the Captain put his knife away and sat down. Dr Livesey turned to Jim's mother and continued his conversation as if nothing had happened. The Captain stayed very quiet that evening.



CHAPTER 1

Comprehension

1 Decide if the following statements are True or False. Write T or F in the boxes.

1. Jim Hawkins had an ugly white scar on his face. ☐
2. Captain Flint was a guest at the 'Admiral Benbow' inn. ☐
3. Jim was not afraid of the Captain. ☐
4. Dr Livesey was wearing nice clean clothes. ☐
5. Dr Livesey threatened someone with a knife. ☐

2 Choose a, b or c to complete the following sentences.

1. The 'Admiral Benbow'
 - a. was by the sea.
 - b. made a lot of money for Mrs Hawkins.
 - c. was the name of a local town.
2. The Captain spent a lot of time
 - a. watching out for a man with one leg.
 - b. counting his silver coins.
 - c. walking along the shore.
3. Dr Livesey was
 - a. a guest at the inn.
 - b. a family friend.
 - c. Jim's father.
4. The Captain hit his hand on the table when
 - a. he wanted silence in the room.
 - b. he wanted to stop a conversation.
 - c. Dr Livesey attacked him.
5. Dr Livesey told the Captain to
 - a. give the knife to him.
 - b. stop talking.
 - c. put away the knife.

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

rarely widow punishment villagers guests several suddenly

1. Mark has different types of trainers in _____ colours.
2. The _____ in Bishopston are very pleasant neighbours.
3. The hotel has a swimming pool for its _____.
4. When I was at school, I _____ went to parties.
5. Unfortunately, my aunt's husband has died and she is a _____.
6. His _____ for stealing a car was one year in prison.
7. As we were walking to the park, it _____ began to rain.

4 Find words in Chapter 1 to match the definitions below. The first letter has been given for you.

1. the land next to the sea c _____ (page 4)
2. round shaped metal used as money c _____ (page 4)
3. when there isn't any noise s _____ (page 6)
4. a type of judge m _____ (page 6)
5. to keep doing something c _____ (page 6)

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

1. Why do you think the Captain chose to stay at the 'Admiral Benbow' inn?
2. Is an inn a suitable place for a child to grow up? Why? / Why not?
3. Jim notices a big difference between the Captain's and Dr Livesey's appearance. Do you think it is right to judge people by their appearance? Why? / Why not?
4. Why do you think the Captain is so afraid of the one-legged sailor?

6 Imagine you are Jim keeping a diary. Write a page in your diary after the Captain's arrival at the 'Admiral Benbow'. (60-80 words)

CHAPTER 2

JIM AND HIS MOTHER SOON WISHED THAT THE CAPTAIN WOULD leave the inn, because he never paid his rent. Whenever Jim's mother asked for money, he looked very angry and she was too frightened to say anything to him. The Captain continued to give Jim a silver coin every month, however, to watch out for the one-legged man. But the winter months went by, cold and rainy, and few people came to the inn.

Then early one January morning a stranger walked in the door. Two fingers were missing on his left hand, and he carried a sword. But he looked nervous rather than fierce. Jim asked the man if he wanted anything.

"Is my mate Bill staying here?" he asked.

"I don't know your mate Bill," Jim replied. "Our only guest is someone we call the Captain, and he is out walking."

"Well, my mate Bill was a captain once," said the man with a short laugh. He took Jim tightly by the arm. "Come hide behind the door with me and we'll give him a surprise!" Jim did not think the Captain would be happy to see this man at all.

Suddenly the Captain walked through the door, slamming it. "Bill," the stranger called out nervously, and the Captain turned and stared.

"Black Dog!" he said, very pale as he sat down on a chair. "What do you want?" Black Dog let go of Jim and walked towards the Captain.

"I'm here for the rest of the crew," Black Dog replied. "We know you have Flint's map, and now we've found you. We want our fair share."

The Captain stared at him, and then at Jim. "Get out of here!" he shouted. "And don't listen in on us!" Jim didn't need to be told twice. He ran to the kitchen, wondering what the men were talking about and what would happen next. Suddenly he heard the sound of fighting. Jim went to look, and saw Black Dog running out the door. He thought the Captain would chase him, but instead he sat



down. He looked ill: he was pale, sweaty, and shaking.

"They're coming for me," he said. "I must get away!" He tried to get up, but felt dizzy and sat back down on the chair.

"Who was that man, Black Dog?" Jim asked.

The Captain explained: "Black Dog was a sailor on Captain Flint's ship and I was first mate. We stole a fortune in gold, but Flint did not share it with the men. He buried it in a secret place and then he told us we must sail for more. Flint planned to go back for the treasure, but then he became sick. Before he died, he gave me a map. That's what Black Dog and his friends want." He grabbed Jim's hand. "But I must get away! Help me bring my chest down from upstairs!" He stood up, but then with a strange sound, fell to the floor! Jim tried to wake him, but it was hopeless: the Captain was dead.

Jim quickly called his mother and told her what the Captain had said. "The pirates are coming here!" he said. "We must run away immediately."

But Mrs Hawkins did not agree. "Dr Livesey and his friend Squire Trelawney are coming to visit," she said. "They will be here soon with their servants and they will protect us. And that man" - she pointed to the Captain's body - "owed me six months' rent. We are poor and I must have the money!"

Jim and his mother went upstairs and opened the Captain's chest. There was a lot of rubbish in it, but eventually Mrs Hawkins found a bag of money. "I will only take what he owes me," she said. But it was hard to count the money because it came from many different countries. Minutes went by and Jim wished his mother would just take all the money and leave. Then suddenly, they heard a long, low whistle from outside. They jumped with fright!

"Let's get out of here!" said Jim's mother. "I'll take the money I have." Jim noticed a leather packet still lying in the chest.

"And I'll take this," he said and they hurried out the door, running as fast as they could. "Quick - let's hide under the bridge!" Jim cried. But his mother stopped. She was very pale.

"I think I'm going to faint," she whispered, and collapsed in

Jim's arms. At the same time, Jim heard the pirates banging on the door of the Benbow. He dragged his mother under the bridge and hid her as best as he could.



CHAPTER 2

Comprehension

1 Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Jim and his mother want the Captain to leave the inn?

2. What was the name of the man who came to see the Captain?

3. What did Flint give the Captain before he died?

4. Why did Mrs Hawkins and Jim look inside the Captain's chest?

5. Why did Jim and his mother go under a bridge?

2 Match 1-5 with a-e to make sentences. Write a-e in the boxes.

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| 1. Jim heard | <input type="checkbox"/> a. went upstairs and opened the Captain's chest. |
| 2. Jim wished his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> b. the sound of fighting from the room. |
| 3. Jim dragged his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> c. their friends would arrive soon and protect them. |
| 4. Jim's mother hoped that | <input type="checkbox"/> d. under the bridge and hid her. |
| 5. Jim and his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> e. would just take the money from the chest and leave. |

Vocabulary

3 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1. He waited _____ for the phone to ring and find out if he had got the job. **NERVOUS**
2. My sister is _____ at history! She hardly knows anything at all. **HOPE**
3. John is _____ of the dark. **FRIGHTEN**
4. If you get _____ in the gym, you need to have a shower afterwards. **SWEAT**

5. She held the baby _____ in her arms.
6. There is a strong wind today which keeps _____ the door.

TIGHT
SLAM

4 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences below.

1. The policeman told his partner to _____ a red Ferrari with a broken window.
a. watch out for b. hurry out c. listen in on
2. 'Can you wait a moment? I want to _____ the number of people who are coming to my party.'
a. turn b. count c. wonder
3. It is not nice to _____ at people.
a. hide b. slam c. stare
4. 'Paul looks very _____, do you think he's sick?'
a. fierce b. pale c. fair
5. As there were not enough books for everyone, the students had to _____ them.
a. share b. chase c. grab
6. In most English homes people sleep _____.
a. outside b. upstairs c. in chests
7. I think I am going to _____ from hunger.
a. whistle b. drag c. faint

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

1. How would you feel if someone borrowed something from you, such as a DVD or money, and did not return it? How long would you wait before saying something about it? What would you say?
2. Jim's mother only tried to take the money that the Captain owed her from the dead man's chest. Was she right or wrong to do so? Why?
3. The Captain kept a big secret until he died. Why do some people have secrets?
4. What do you think will happen next? Will the pirates find Jim and his mother or will they manage to escape?

6 Imagine you are Mrs Hawkins. Write to the police, giving a detailed account of the events that led to the Captain's death. (60-80 words)

CHAPTER 3

FROM HIS HIDING PLACE, JIM HEARD THE PIRATES BREAKING down the door of the 'Admiral Benbow.' A moment later, a voice shouted: "Bill's dead!"

Black Dog's voice shouted back: "Never mind him! Search for the chest upstairs!" There were sounds of footsteps, and various things breaking. Then Jim heard: "Someone's already looked through the chest, and they've taken the map!"

"That boy must have it!" cried Black Dog. "He can't be far away. Go and find him!" Now Jim was in trouble, because he couldn't leave his mother, and the pirates would surely find them soon. While he was trying to think of what he could do, he heard the sound of horses coming. The pirates heard them too. Frightened, they ran out of the Benbow and disappeared.

Jim came out of his hiding place and greeted Dr Livesey and his friend Squire Trelawney, along with Trelawney's servants, Joyce and Redruth. Together they went back to the Benbow. The pirates had made a mess. Furniture was turned over and many things were broken.

"This is terrible," said the squire. He was a local landowner, plump and cheerful. Everybody liked him. "What on earth were they looking for?"

"I believe I know, sir," said Jim, and he gave Dr Livesey the packet he had taken from the Captain's chest. Quickly he told them the Captain's story. Dr Livesey showed the packet to the squire.

"Suppose - just suppose - this is a clue to where Flint buried his treasure," the doctor said. "How much do you think he hid there?"

"How much?" exclaimed the squire. "If you found Flint's treasure, you'd be the richest man in England."

Very carefully, the doctor opened the packet, and a map of an island fell out. It showed where to find the island, and safe places to anchor a ship. But the two men and Jim looked mostly at a red



X, beside which someone had written: "Treasure buried at this spot."

"Livesey," said the squire, "You must give up your job at once. Tomorrow I will leave for the port of Bristol to find a ship and prepare it for our voyage. We'll meet there, in three weeks. Hawkins will come along as cabin boy, and you shall be the ship's doctor. We'll find Flint's treasure and afterwards, we'll have enough money for the rest of our lives!"

"Trelawney," said the doctor. "I'll go along with you, and so will Jim, I'm sure. There's just one man I'm afraid of."

"Name the dog, sir!" cried the squire, very excited.

"You, sir," said the doctor. "You cannot keep your mouth shut. Suppose those fellows that attacked the inn learn where we are going. Do you think they will do nothing while we take the treasure? They want it too, and they know we have the map! For everyone's safety, this voyage must remain a secret."

The squire promised not to say a word to anyone else about the real purpose of the voyage and left for Bristol. Before long, he found a ship. It was called the Hispaniola. However, sailing a ship on a long voyage was rough, difficult work, and often only the worst men were willing to do it. Finding a qualified crew was difficult, but then the squire got lucky. He wrote a letter to Dr Livesey, who read it to Jim.

Dear friends,

I spent all of yesterday looking for men for our ship, and found only one. Exhausted, I went to an inn for dinner. I started talking to the innkeeper, a Long John Silver. Some years ago he served in the Navy and lost a leg. He told me he was hoping to go to sea again as a ship's cook, and I hired him right away. Then Silver told me he had several friends who were excellent sailors, and looking for employment. I met them today, and was so impressed with their experience and skills that I hired them all! I have also found a captain, who I have heard is a good officer, although I find him overly serious and strict. You must join me at once as we will be ready to sail in a week.

Yours truly,
Squire Trelawney



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CHAPTER 3

Comprehension

1 Complete the sentences with the correct name.

Bill Trelawney Dr Livesey Jim Flint

- _____ marked the treasure spot with a red X.
- _____ gave a packet with a map to someone.
- _____ thought that a friend of his talked too much.
- _____ became a cabin boy on the Hispaniola.
- _____ kept his things in a chest.
- _____ wrote a letter to his friends from Bristol.
- _____ found the crew for the Hispaniola.

2 Put the following events in the order which they happened. Write a-f in the boxes.

- Jim gave the two men Bill's map.
- The pirates ran away from the inn.
- Jim and Mrs Hawkins hid from the pirates.
- They decided to go on a trip and find Flint's treasure.
- Dr Livesey and Squire Trelawney arrived to the inn.
- Trelawney left for Bristol to hire a ship for the voyage.

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences using the prepositions in the box.

of for down away along through over to

- I got angry when I saw my brother looking _____ my diary.
- I must leave _____ school in ten minutes, otherwise I'll be late.
- The real purpose _____ the meeting was to discuss changes in the company.
- My cousin is going to come _____ with us when we go fishing.
- 'Where is Lyn?' 'She forgot her bag. So she has gone back _____ the

restaurant to get it.'

- 'I am getting tired. Is the beach far _____?'
- He was caught by the police as he was trying to break _____ the door.
- The hurricane turned _____ all the cars in the street.

4 Find words in Chapter 3 which mean the same as:

- the sound of someone walking _____ (page 12)
- a person who works for another person, usually doing housework _____ (page 12)
- a man who owned a lot of land in England in the past _____ (page 12)
- a journey on a ship _____ (page 14)
- a collection of valuable things such as money and jewellery _____ (page 14)
- a type of small hotel that provides food and accommodation _____ (page 14)

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- How would you feel if someone broke into your house?
- What do you think will be the best and the worst part of Jim's life as a cabin boy? Give examples.
- Jim and his friends are going after Flint's treasure. What are the dangers they might face at sea?
- Do you think the men will be able to find the treasure? Why? / Why not?

6 Imagine that you are Squire Trelawney, trying to find a crew for the Hispaniola. Make a poster advertising the job and stating the qualifications needed. (60-80 words)

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"Pieces of eight!" the parrot shrieked suddenly. Jim jumped.

"What are pieces of eight?" he asked.

"They are Spanish coins," Silver explained. "Flint robbed many Spanish ships, and he got thousands of Spanish coins." He laughed and petted the parrot. "Perhaps Captain Flint here saw some of the treasure. He is over a hundred years old, and has sailed on many ships. Since I adopted him, however, his life has not been very exciting."

Silver went on to tell Jim of how he served in the Navy, then lost his leg, and ended up running an inn, just like Jim and his mother did. Jim thought he was the most interesting person he had ever met, and he soon forgot about the one-legged sailor that the Captain was so afraid of. After all, Silver was polite and kind, not at all like the rude, dirty pirates who had come to the Benbow. Jim decided he liked Silver very much, and they soon became friends.

Finally, Jim left the galley and went to find the squire and the doctor. They were in the dining room talking to the ship's captain, who was a tall, serious man, about forty-five years old. His name was Smollett. Captain Smollett and Squire Trelawney seemed to be having an argument.

"I was told the purpose of this voyage was a secret, even from me," the captain was saying. "That's fine. But then I found out that every sailor on this ship has heard that we are going after treasure. They also know that you have a map of an island indicating where the treasure is buried. Are you sure they will stay honest when they know there is so much money at stake?"

"I am sure I never told anyone about the map!" said the squire, looking puzzled.

"Maybe you did, maybe you didn't," said Captain Smollett. "However, I will not go on this trip unless you do the following: you must keep all the weapons close to your cabin, along with your servants Joyce and Redruth, and there must be no more talk of treasure with the crew."

"I think you are worrying too much," said Dr Livesey, "but we will do as you suggest." He smiled at Trelawney, who was



still angry. "We are lucky to have such a careful and responsible captain." Captain Smollett didn't smile at the compliment. Instead he looked at Jim, who was listening.

"What are you doing here, standing around?" he said sharply. "Go and find some work to do!" As Jim hurried away, he heard Captain Smollett add to Livesey and Trelawney: "I won't have any favourites aboard my ship."

Jim decided that he disliked Captain Smollett just as much as Squire Trelawney did. But soon he forgot the captain's harsh words. Early the next morning, the *Hispaniola* lifted anchor and left port. The voyage began well, and even Captain Smollett was pleased with how the ship sailed. The crew was also happy, because Squire Trelawney had spent a lot of money buying the very best supplies he could. These included a barrel of apples, as fresh fruit helped keep the crew healthy. Captain Smollett, of course, said that the squire was too friendly with the men, and that no good would come of it. But as it turned out, some good did come of the apple barrel. In fact, it helped save the lives of Jim and all the honest men on the ship.



CHAPTER 4

Comprehension

1 Read Chapter 4 and match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. Silver was a tall strong man, with a leg cut off | a. angry with Squire Trelawney. |
| 2. Captain Flint was | b. the squire and the doctor. |
| 3. Jim left the galley and went to find | c. going after treasure. |
| 4. The crew knew they were | d. at the hip. |
| 5. Captain Smollett was | e. the name of a parrot. |

2 Complete the summary of Chapter 4 using the words in the box.

interesting treasure friendly parrot well honest met

Trelawney travelled to Bristol before the others, to make arrangements for the voyage to Treasure Island. Two days later, Jim (1) _____ Long John Silver on board the Hispaniola in Bristol. On his shoulder was a colourful (2) _____. Silver told Jim the story of his life. Jim soon decided that he was the most (3) _____ man he had ever met. Captain Smollett and Trelawney had an argument because the captain found out that everyone on board knew about the (4) _____ map. Smollett was worried that the crew would not stay (5) _____ now that they knew about the gold. After the ship left the port, everything went (6) _____, though Captain Smollett complained that Trelawney was still too (7) _____ with the men.

Vocabulary

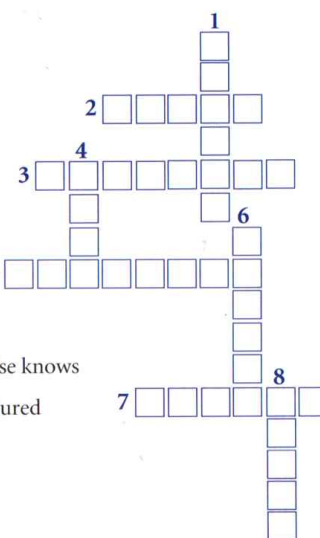
3 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences below.

- Mrs Pearson's son is now _____ in the Navy.
a. shrieking b. serving c. lifting
- Some famous Hollywood stars have _____ young children from poor countries.
a. adopted b. hurried c. indicated
- The boat's _____ work very hard.
a. stake b. crew c. team
- Guns and other _____ are dangerous and should be kept away from children.
a. supplies b. favourites c. weapons

- The most important quality in a friend is that he or she is _____.
a. careful b. honest c. thin

4 Complete the crossword.

- A ship's kitchen
- It appears on your face when you are happy
- Quarrel, fight
- Not polite
- A valuable collection of coins, gold and jewellery
- Some information that no one else knows
- An object that helps someone injured stand and walk
- A small room on a ship



Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Would you like to find hidden treasure, like that belonging to Captain Flint? What would you do with it?
- Jim dislikes Captain Smollett because he is too strict. Do you think that makes him less good as a captain? Are things always as they seem?
- Smollett says that he won't have any favourites aboard his ship. How would you feel if someone is a favourite in class?
- Do you think that the one-legged man that the Captain was afraid of and Long John Silver is the same person? What is your opinion of Long John Silver? Is Jim right to consider him a friend?

6 Imagine that you are Captain Smollett the night before your voyage began. Write an entry in your diary about the quarrel with the squire and your doubts concerning this trip. (60-80 words)