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1.1. Look at the picture carefully and answer the questions given below:



What can you see in the picture? Does the man look happy? Give reasons for your answer.

Answer:

There is a distressed man standing in the company of a few other men, who seem to be on board a ship. The man, definitely, doesn't look happy. He seems to be deep in sorrow, because his neck is hung low and his hand slapped on his forehead.

1.2. Why does he have the bird hanging around his neck?

Answer:

The bird hanging around his neck might symbolize the memory of his committing a terrible error.

1.3. Have you heard of the expression- 'having an albatross around your neck'? What do you think it means? Does it mean:

- a. Something that you can always be proud of
- b. Something that you have to do because you have no choice
- c. Something that is with you all the time as a reminder that you have done something wrong?

Answer:

- c. Something that is with you all the time as a reminder that you

have done something wrong.

1.4. What is an albatross?

Answer:

An albatross is a large sea-bird with a wing span of about 4m.

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4. Here are some of the archaic words used in the poem; can you match them with the words used in Modern English Language that mean the same? The first one has been done for you as an example:

Stoppeth-	Stopped
Thy	entered
Wherefore	why
Stopp'st	you
Thou	lunatic
May'st	at once
Quoth	fainting fit
Loon	has
Eftsoons	can't you
Dropt	stopping
Hath	church
Spake	enemy
Kirk	yes
Paced	see
Foe	call

Aye	trouble
Ken	looking
Swound	your
Hollo	said
Plague	dropped
Look'st	spoke

Answer:

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