

# Robinson Crusoe

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**Friday**

# *I Leave Home*

My name is Robinson Crusoe. A lot of people know my name, but they only know about some of my adventures. They do not know my life story, and that is why I am writing it now.

I was born in England, in the city of York, in 1632. We were not rich, and we were not poor. We were somewhere in the middle. No one in my family sailed or liked the sea, but I was only interested in sailing. My father did not like the idea.

“Father, I want to go to sea. I want to see the world and live a life of adventure.”

“It’s better to stay here where there are no dangers.”

“But everything is dangerous. I can get hurt here, too.”

“Son, the men who go to sea have hard lives. They think it’s going to be an adventure, and it becomes something worse. If you go to sea, you will be unhappy.”

I did not want my father to be angry. My mother understood, so I talked to her about my ideas.

“Mother, I’m eighteen years old! If I don’t like my life at sea, I can come back. I don’t understand why father doesn’t want me to go.”

“Your father believes you will be happy here. He can help you find a job. You can make money.”

“I can make money at sea. I don’t understand his ideas. I might become rich and famous, but I won’t if I stay here and do the same things everyone else is doing. Mother, can you

talk to father? Can you make him understand?"

My mother talked to my father, but he only became more angry.

"Robinson, I told you, if you leave this house and become a sailor, you will be the most unhappy person on earth. I will not help you, and you cannot live on your own."

"Your father's right, dear."

"He's not! I'll do what I want, and you will see! I'll be rich. I'll see the world!"

I went to sea and left my parents. I remembered my father's words, and some of the things he said began to come true.







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*I walked to the highest part of the island and looked around. The island was quite large, but there were no people on it. I looked out to sea, and there were no boats.*

*'Why', I thought, 'did this happen to me? But I'm still alive. There must be some reason for that.'*

## COMPONENTS:

- ◆ Reader
- ◆ Activity Book
- ◆ Teacher's Book
- ◆ Audio CD

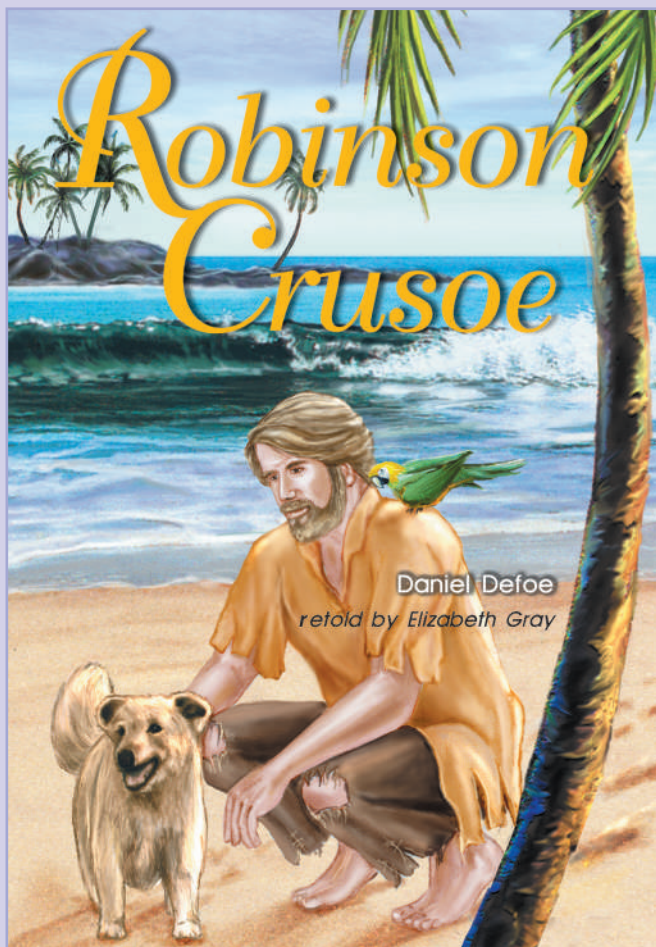


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# Activity Book



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## My Diary

### I. Listening



*Listen to the recording and correct the mistakes.*

- 1 I swam out to it and walked on board.  
..... = .....
- 2 I walked to the highest part of the island and saw around.  
..... = .....
- 3 I still have some of its papers.  
..... = .....
- 4 It's Christmas day and it's snowing.  
..... = .....
- 5 It's a small black dog with dark eyes and a very friendly face.  
..... = .....
- 6 Each day I see that I have anything I need.  
..... = .....

### II. Comprehension questions

- 1 Why did he climb a tree, on his first night on the island?
- 2 What did he find on the ship?
- 3 What did he begin to write?
- 4 What did he have for breakfast?
- 5 What did the dog look like?
- 6 What did he want his parents to know, if he died?



### III. Topics for discussion

- 1 Why did Crusoe think he was dying?
- 2 Do you keep a diary? If yes, how often do you write in it?
- 3 Which wild animals are you afraid of?

### IV. Activities

A *This is Robinson Crusoe's tropical island. Label the picture.*

hill   palm trees   tent   raft   beach   river



## Chapter 3

**B** *This is Robinson Crusoe's typical day. Fill in the missing words.*

write	go	smoke	get up	light
climb	have	sit	look	wash



I 1) ..... in the morning.  
I 2) ..... in the river near my tent,  
and then I have breakfast. I usually have  
fruit and coconut milk. After breakfast, I  
prepare the raft and 3) ..... fishing in the  
clear blue sea. At midday, I 4) .....  
lunch. Then, I go to the beach,  
I 5) ..... under a palm tree and  
6) ..... in my diary. In the afternoon, I take Pole and my  
gun and 7) ..... to the top of the hill. I 8) .....  
through my telescope for a ship on the horizon. At sunset, I  
9) ..... a candle and sit in my tent. I 10) ..... my  
pipe and then I go to bed.

**C** *Now write about your typical day.*

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## Vocabulary Exercises

## I. Circle the correct item.

- 1 This table is made of **wood** / **tobacco**.
- 2 I can hear the **sound** / **noise** of birds singing.
- 3 I am **cold** / **hot**. I'll open the window.
- 4 I take some exercise to keep my **body** / **head** fit.
- 5 The old man was feeling very **alone** / **lonely**.
- 6 On safari you can see some **wild** / **friendly** animals.

## II. Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition from the box.

for	up	around	of	out
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- 1 I usually look ..... the shop before deciding to buy anything.
- 2 The sailor took his telescope and looked ..... to sea.
- 3 Johnny has difficulty waking ..... in the morning.
- 4 The children felt sorry ..... the poor old man and gave him some money.
- 5 Robinson was afraid ..... wild animals, so he climbed a tree on his first night on the island.



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