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The battle

‘Pirates!’

A sailor on the English ship *Charlotte* is shouting. ‘Pirates! They’re coming from the east!’

The pirate ship has a black flag with a white skull and crossbones – the pirate flag.

The pirate ship, the *Dark Shark*, comes towards the *Charlotte*. The captain of the pirates, Captain Blackheart, shouts, ‘You won’t escape from us. We’re going to get you!’

Now the *Dark Shark* is beside the *Charlotte*.

On the *Dark Shark*, Davy Johnson is watching. He’s Captain Blackheart’s cabin boy. But he doesn’t like being on the pirate ship.

I’m not a pirate, Davy thinks. I hate Captain Blackheart and I hate watching the pirates attacking ships.

‘Attack!’ Captain Blackheart shouts from the helm of the *Dark Shark*.

His men jump from the *Dark Shark* over to the *Charlotte*. The first pirate to jump onto the *Charlotte* is Scarface. He is Captain Blackheart’s first mate and he is a terrible person. Davy hates him.

The pirates tie the two ships together with thick ropes.

Davy watches the crew of the *Charlotte* fighting the pirates. It is a terrible battle. Davy hears men shouting and screaming.

‘Fight!’ shouts Captain Blackheart. ‘Get the captain!’

The captain of the *Charlotte* is not at the helm of his ship. He’s fighting in the battle. He’s fighting Scarface.



Scarface takes a knife out of his pocket. The English captain doesn't see the knife.

Oh, no! Davy thinks. He wants the crew of the *Charlotte* to win the battle. Davy wants to go with them. He wants to escape from the pirates.

Davy shouts, 'Look out! Scarface has a knife!'

Captain Blackheart hears this. He is angry and he shouts, 'Cabin boy! Come here!'

But Davy doesn't go to Captain Blackheart. He runs and hides in a small boat. He hides under some sails. He listens to the terrible fighting on the English ship.

The pirates win the battle. They cheer and shout.

'Captain Blackheart!' Scarface shouts from the deck of the *Charlotte*. 'What are we going to do with the captain and the crew of this ship? Kill them?'

'No,' shouts Captain Blackheart. 'Put them into their small boats. Give them some food and water. But tie their hands.'

Scarface says, 'But they can't eat or drink with their hands tied. They'll die.'

Captain Blackheart smiles and says, 'Arrr. But we're not going to kill them. We're not bad pirates.'

The pirates cheer and laugh.

They are bad pirates, thinks Davy.

'And put the cabin boy in a boat with them. I don't want him on the *Dark Shark*. He's not a pirate.'

Captain Blackheart's first mate shouts to the crew, 'Find the cabin boy. Bring him here.'

Davy stays under the sails in the small boat.

'Where is he?' one pirate says. 'He's not on the deck.'

'We'll find him,' a second pirate says.

Chapter 4

Ahoy!

One week ... two weeks ... a month.

Davy is alone on the island, day after day. Some days it rains. Some days there is a terrible wind. But most days are warm and sunny. There is fruit for him to eat, and he can drink the water from the stream.

Davy is in the cave, looking at the treasure. He hears a terrible noise coming from outside. It's a loud screech.

What animal is that? Is it dangerous?

Davy is very scared. Then he laughs. He knows what it is. He runs out of the cave and there, in a palm tree, he sees a large bird.

Davy shouts. 'Ahoy, parrot!'

The blue and yellow bird answers with a loud screech.

'Ahoy!' Davy says again. 'Come and see where I live. Follow me.'

Davy doesn't live in the cave. He doesn't like the cave – it's full of skeletons. He sleeps in a small hut. His hut is made of palm leaves and vines. It's near the stream. Davy thinks it's a good place for his hut. You can't see it from the beach or from the hill or from the cave.

He walks along the path towards his hut. The parrot flies from tree to tree behind him. Davy calls out to the parrot. 'Ahoy!' He likes having someone – something – to talk to. 'This island isn't very big. I can walk around it in a day. I climb that hill and look north, south, east and west. I can't see any islands and I never see a ship. I have a fishing hook now. The sea chests and barrels in the cave



have a lot of treasure, and not all of it is gold. I have a flint too – it's my father's flint. Do you know what a flint is?'

The bird doesn't answer.

'Ahoy, parrot, are you listening? A flint is a small rock. I hit it with my knife to start a fire. Today I'm going to catch some fish and cook them.'

The parrot answers with a loud screech. Davy laughs. 'Yes, you can have some fish too.'

That night, Davy sits by the fire. He's eating fish. He calls, 'Ahoy, parrot. I have some fish for you!'

And he hears the bird answer, 'Ahoy!'

The parrot flies down from a palm tree and sits near Davy, looking at him. Davy laughs. 'Ahoy!' he says again.

'Ahoy,' the parrot says.

'We're going to be friends! I'm going to call you Polly. Here, Polly – have some fish!'

Months go by. Davy and Polly know the island well. Polly knows some words too.

Davy knows which plants he can eat and which plants make him sick. He can catch fish with the hook. He can cook fish in banana leaves on a fire. He makes a lot of things from the vines and other plants on the island. His hut now has a door and two windows. He can shut the windows when it rains or when the terrible wind comes.

One day, Davy is in the cave and he hears Polly screeching. Davy runs out of the cave and looks out to sea. Davy sees a ship with the pirate flag – the skull and crossbones. It's the *Dark Shark*! Davy sees Captain Blackheart and Scarface in the little boat. Scarface is rowing. Polly is in a tree near the beach screeching, 'Ahoy! Ahoy!'

Chapters 2 and 3

Before you read

A. Look at the picture on page 9 and circle the correct answers.

1. Who do you think is rowing the boat?
a. Captain Blackheart b. Scarface c. the English captain
2. Who is under the sails in the boat?
a. Davy b. Scarface c. Captain Blackheart

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

chest row cave secret

1. It's cold and dark inside the _____.
2. On a fine day I like to _____ my little boat on the lake.
3. Please don't tell anyone about this. It's a _____.
4. My grandparents keep their old letters and books in a _____.

C. Listen to Track 4 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. Who is standing on the deck of the ship with Davy?
a. his mother b. his father
2. What is coming towards the ship that Davy is on?
a. a storm b. a pirate ship
3. What does Davy's mother tell Davy to do?
a. fight b. hide

After you read

COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. When the pirates attack Davy's ship, where does Davy hide?
a. under a bed in his family's cabin b. in a small boat
c. in the water
2. When the pirate finds Davy, what else does he find?
a. treasure b. a dog c. Davy's father's sea chest
3. When Davy wakes up after his dream, where is he?
a. on the Dark Shark b. in the little boat c. on an island
4. Whose voice does Davy hear first when he wakes up?
a. Scarface's b. Captain Blackheart's c. his mother's

B. Circle T for true or F for false for these sentences.

1. Davy leaves his father's sea chest on the island. T / F
2. Polly goes to sea with Davy. T / F
3. When Davy first sees the ship, he is scared. T / F
4. Davy sees a pirate flag on the ship. T / F

C. Complete these sentences.

1. Davy tells Polly that he wants to be with other _____.
2. After many days on the raft, Davy's skin and eyes are _____.
3. The English ship is going to _____.
4. The English captain's name is George _____.

D. Write short answers to these questions.

1. What food does Davy think about when he is on the raft?

2. Who helps Davy climb on to the ship?

3. What food does Davy get on the *Queen Anne*?

4. Who comes and sits in the window of Davy's cabin on the ship?

LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

A. Match the words that go together in Chapter 6.

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| 1. climb up | 'Ahoy! Ahoy!' |
| 2. open | the pictures |
| 3. look at | the ropes |
| 4. hear | the chest |

B. Use the letters to write words for parts of a ship.

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| 1. kdce _____ | 3. bican _____ |
| 2. mhel _____ | 4. asisl _____ |

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think Davy will do when he grows up? Why do you think this?

jewellery /'dʒu:əlri/ <i>n.</i>	Schmuck, Juwelen
jump /dʒʌmp/ <i>v.</i>	springen
knife /naɪf/ <i>n.</i>	Messer
lie /laɪ/ <i>v.</i>	liegen
palm leaf /'pɑ:m ,li:f/ <i>n.</i>	Palmwedel
palm tree /'pɑ:m ,tri:/ <i>n.</i>	Palme
parrot /'pærət/ <i>n.</i>	Papagei
pile /paɪl/ <i>n.</i>	Haufen
pirate /'paɪrət/ <i>n.</i>	Pirat
raft /rɑ:ft/ <i>n.</i>	Floß
rope /rəʊp/ <i>n.</i>	Seil
row /rəʊ/ <i>v.</i>	rudern
sail /seɪl/ <i>n.</i>	Segel
<i>v.</i>	segeln
sailor /'seɪlə/ <i>n.</i>	Matrose
scare /skeə/ <i>v.</i>	einen Schrecken einjagen
scared /skeəd/ <i>adj.</i>	verängstigt, verschreckt
scream /skri:m/ <i>v.</i>	kreischen
sea chest /'si: ,tʃest/ <i>n.</i>	Seekiste
secret /'si:kri:t/ <i>n.</i>	Geheimnis
<i>adj.</i>	geheim
shark /ʃɑ:k/ <i>n.</i>	Hai
silver /'sɪlvə/ <i>n.</i>	Silber
skeleton /'skelɪt(ə)n/ <i>n.</i>	Skelett
skull /skʌl/ <i>n.</i>	Totenschädel
stream /stri:m/ <i>n.</i>	Bach, Flüsschen
sword /sɔ:d/ <i>n.</i>	Schwert
terrible /'terəbl/ <i>adj.</i>	schrecklich
together /tə'geðə/ <i>adv.</i>	zusammen
treasure /'treʒə/ <i>n.</i>	Schatz
vine /vaɪn/ <i>n.</i>	Kletterpflanze
watch /wɒtʃ/ <i>v.</i>	beobachten
way /weɪ/ <i>n.</i>	Weg
weapon /'wepən/ <i>n.</i>	Waffe