

Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 76)

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING

1 Y 2 N 3 Y 4 Y 5 N 6 N

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING

Encourage students to choose the meaning that they think is most likely. The right answer is number 3. A ‘piece of eight’ was a gold coin (a Spanish dollar, equivalent to eight reals), which was formerly used in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

ACTIVITY 3 BEFORE READING

Encourage discussion, but do not tell students the answers. In fact, numbers 2, 3, 4 and 6 are true.

While Reading

CHAPTERS 1 TO 3 WHILE READING

- 1 Because not many people came there.
- 2 A seaman with one leg.
- 3 A man called Black Dog, and a blind man.
- 4 He and the captain had a fight, and Black Dog ran away.
- 5 He said they wanted his old sea-chest.
- 6 He gave the captain the black spot.
- 7 Drinking too much rum.

CHAPTERS 4 TO 6 WHILE READING

- 1 Jim’s mother to Jim, about the money she was taking out of the captain’s sea-chest.
- 2 Jim to his mother, about the papers tied in a cloth from the sea-chest.
- 3 The blind man, Pew, to the other pirates, about looking for Bill’s sea-chest in the inn.
- 4 Dr Livesey to Jim, about the papers tied in a cloth.
- 5 Squire Trelawney to Dr Livesey, about the pirate Captain Flint.
- 6 Dr Livesey to Squire Trelawney, about the Squire himself, who could not keep a secret.
- 7 Long John Silver to Jim, about Black Dog, who had just run out of the *Spyglass Inn*.
- 8 Captain Smollett to Dr Livesey and Mr Trelawney, about the powder and weapons on the ship.
- 9 Mr Trelawney to Captain Smollett, about the information about the map, the treasure, and the island.
- 10 Dr Livesey to Mr Trelawney, about Captain Smollett and the ship’s cook, Long John Silver.

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 7

Encourage speculation, and do not tell students the answers.

- 1 Yes, Long John Silver, and probably some others because Silver helped Trelawney to find the rest of the crew.
- 2 No, it happens after the ship reaches the island.

CHAPTERS 7 TO 9 WHILE READING

- 1 While Jim was hiding in the *apple barrel*, he heard *Long John Silver, Dick, and Israel Hands* talking about a mutiny.
- 2 Jim hurried to tell *Dr Livesey and the others* the terrible news.
- 3 The captain *didn’t know* how many men in his crew were honest.
- 4 When most of the crew went ashore, Jim *went with them*.
- 5 Two *honest men in the crew* were murdered on the first day on the island.
- 6 Ben Gunn had been *marooned three* years ago.
- 7 Ben Gunn knew *all* about Flint’s treasure.
- 8 Ben offered to help Jim and his friends in return for *a thousand pounds out of money that was really his*.

CHAPTERS 10 TO 12 WHILE READING

- 1 *Where . . . ?* The English flag was flying over the house in the stockade, and the Jolly Roger was flying over the *Hispaniola*.
- 2 *Why . . . ?* Because they thought it would be easier to defend themselves in the stockade, and because they knew that a rescue ship would be sent to look for them if they did not return by the end of August.
- 3 *What . . . ?* The map of Treasure Island.
- 4 *Who . . . ?* Ben Gunn.
- 5 *Who . . . ?* Captain Smollett and his men.
- 6 *Where . . . ?* To find Ben Gunn.
- 7 *How . . . ?* In Ben Gunn’s little boat.
- 8 *Who . . . ?* The man in the red cap, dead, and Israel Hands, wounded.
- 9 *Where . . . ?* To North Inlet, further up the coast of Treasure Island.
- 10 *Why . . . ?* Because when he threw the knife that hit Jim, Jim’s pistols went off by accident and shot Israel Hands.
- 11 *What . . . ?* Silver’s parrot, Captain Flint, screaming, ‘Pieces of Eight! Pieces of Eight!’

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 13

Encourage speculation, and do not tell students if their guesses are right. The ‘yes’ answers are numbers 1 and 3 (but the treasure has gone).

CHAPTERS 13 AND 14 WHILE READING

- 1 Silver would save Jim's life by preventing the other pirates from killing him; and Jim would save Silver from dying under the law if he was arrested for piracy.
- 2 He had given the Treasure Island map to Silver.
- 3 He told him that the *Hispaniola* was in North Inlet, on the beach.
- 4 Because there was a rope around him and Silver was holding the other end.
- 5 Because they thought it was the ghost of the dead Captain Flint singing.
- 6 Nothing (just grass).

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 15

Do not tell students if their guesses are right or not; let them find out as they read the chapter.

- 1 Ben Gunn had taken the treasure away to a cave two months before the *Hispaniola* arrived.
- 2 Yes, and Silver too.
- 3 He joined Jim and his friends and they left Treasure Island in the *Hispaniola*, but when they reached the nearest port in Spanish America, Silver disappeared, taking a bag of gold coins with him.

After Reading

ACTIVITY 1 AFTER READING

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Captain Smollett | 6 Jim Hawkins |
| 2 Ben Gunn | 7 Captain Flint (the parrot!) |
| 3 Blind Pew | 8 Israel Hands |
| 4 Squire Trelawney | 9 Mr Arrow |
| 5 Long John Silver | 10 Black Dog |

ACTIVITY 2 AFTER READING

9, 6, 8, 5, 3, 1, 10, 7, 4, 2

Dear Hands, my old shipmate,
I've news of Flint's treasure, and a chance to get it!
Old Bill is dead, and the treasure map from his sea-chest is in the hands of a man called Trelawney. He plans to sail from Bristol, to look for the treasure. He's here now, looking for a crew for the *Hispaniola*. So we must both get on board as part of the ship's crew. Then, during the voyage, we'll talk to the rest of the crew. When they hear about Flint's gold, most of them will want to join our mutiny. And those that don't, will feel my knife!
Your good friend, John Silver

ACTIVITY 3 AFTER READING

Students can complete this conversation how they like. Possible answers:

DR LIVESEY: I hear from Jim that you want to help us.
BEN GUNN: Yes, I do, but first you must promise to take me home to England in your ship. And you must give me a thousand pounds.
DR LIVESEY: All right, we'll take you home. But we haven't got a thousand pounds to give you!

BEN GUNN: You will have, because I know where Flint's treasure is.

DR LIVESEY: You do? You've found where it's buried?

BEN GUNN: Yes, I found the place, but there's no treasure there now.

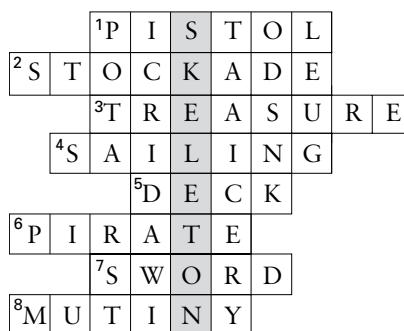
DR LIVESEY: So what have you done with it?

BEN GUNN: I've taken it all to my cave – carrying it on my back! – on the north-east corner of the island.

DR LIVESEY: So the map's useless! Right, I'll give it to Silver!

ACTIVITY 4 AFTER READING

- 1 pistol 2 stockade 3 treasure 4 sailing 5 deck
6 pirate 7 sword 8 mutiny



The hidden word is SKELETON. This helped the pirates to find the place where the treasure was buried, because the bones of the skeleton were lying in a straight line, pointing to Skeleton Island, and in a line East-South-East and by East.

ACTIVITY 5 AFTER READING

1 *Bill the old seaman*

I think I'll be *safe* at this inn. There's a *boy* here, and I've told him to *watch* for a seaman with one *leg*. But there's *nothing* to do all day, except drink *rum*.

2 *Ben Gunn*

I'll soon be able to *leave* this island. I've just met a *boy* from the ship. He and his friends are in *trouble*, but I'll help *them*, if they *help* me. I'll tell them where the *treasure* is.

3 *Long John Silver*

The boy is back! He came in last *night*, and Flint woke us up by *screaming* in the darkness. The men want to *kill* him, but I'll keep him alive, and *bargain* with him.

4 *Dr Livesey*

I've just talked to the boy. He's a *prisoner* in the stockade, and if we want to save his *life*, we'll have to *save* (*help*) Silver too. I told Silver to keep the boy close *beside* (*to*) him, and to *shout* (*call*) for help when they need it.

ACTIVITY 6 AFTER READING

Open answers.

ACTIVITY 7 AFTER READING

Open answers.