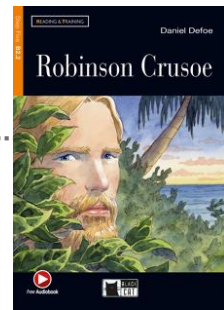


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Chapter 1 – Robinson's Adventures at Sea

After spending four years in Brazil, Robinson made friends with several sugar planters. They decided to buy a ship and sail to Africa to buy slaves. But this proved to be a disastrous sea voyage.

EXERCISE 1 – Before you read

Match these words from the text to their meaning.

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| 1. struck | a. move back |
| 2. rowed | b. hit |
| 3. get my breath | c. moved quickly and suddenly |
| 4. shot | d. be able to breathe comfortably |
| 5. withdraw | e. moved a small boat through water using long poles |

EXERCISE 2 - Read the first part of the extract

One morning, a sailor cried out, 'Land!' We ran out to look, but at that moment the ship struck sand. The waves broke over the ship, and we thought we would all die.

We could not move the ship off the sand. We were sure that the ship would soon break into pieces. Therefore, we climbed into the boat and left the ship. We rowed through that wild water towards the land, knowing that we were rowing towards our greatest danger. Then a great wave came and the boat turned over.

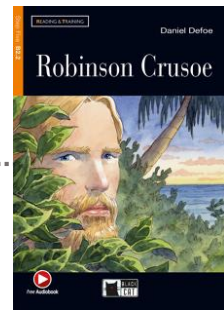
Although I was a good swimmer. I could not get my breath in this stormy sea. A wave carried me along towards the beach. I knew another wave would soon break over me. The sea rose behind me like a mountain. I held my breath, and the wave carried me closer to the shore. I tried to stand up and get my breath again, but another wave broke over me. I was carried with great force and speed towards the shore. Then my head shot above the water, and I was able to breathe for a moment. I was covered with water again, then that wave too began to withdraw.

I felt the earth under my feet. I ran towards the shore, but twice more the waves came over me. the last time nearly killed m. The sea threw m hard against a rock. I held on to the rock as the next wave broke over me. When the wave withdrew, I ran to the beach, climbed over the rocks, and lay down on the grass.



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3. Chapter 3 – LORD OF THE ISLAND

After Robinson's disastrous shipwreck, he was all alone on a desert island. Fortunately he was able to go back to the remains of the ship and get the necessary supplies for his survival: guns, tools, clothes, food and a few other things. He built a shelter for himself, surrounded by a wall made of wooden poles. Now he was the king of the island where he had been living for over ten years.

EXERCISE 3 – Read the second part of the extract.

One day around noon something happened that changed my life on the island. I found the print of a man's naked foot on the beach. I stood and looked at the footprint in amazement. I looked around me but saw nothing. I went to higher ground and looked again, but it was the same. I saw no one, and no other footprint except that one. I was terrified and went home to hide myself.

At first I thought it must have been the footprint of the devil, for how could a human being have come to this place? I then began to think the print was left by savages from the mainland. They must have come in canoes and left again. I was thankful that they had not seen my boat.

How strange is the life of a man! Today we desire what tomorrow we fear. For years I had desired human society. Now I was terrified at the thought that another human being had set his foot upon the island!

4. DISCUSSION - Look at the two sentences in italics in the third paragraph.

1. In pairs or small groups discuss this concept and try to find the answer to this eternal question. Have you ever experienced this feeling? If so, how did you react? What was the result?
2. The students who have seen the film *Cast Away* can tell the others about the similarities and the differences. Compare Friday and Wilson.

5. PREDICTION – Answer the questions.

- 1 Who does the footprint belong to?
- 2 How does Robinson know about the savages from the mainland?
- 3 How will Robinson's life change now that he has discovered the footprint?

