

Daniel Defoe (1660-1731)

Daniel Defoe was born in London in 1660.

He studied hard at school and had many interesting jobs. He was a businessman رجل أعمال who bought and sold things. In in London. صحفي

Defoe wrote his first book, Robinson Crusoe in 1719, when he was 59. It was very successful ناجح. Many people think that this is the first novel رواية in English. He also wrote other novels , Moll Flanders , Colonel Jack and his last novel, Roxana. In 1724, Defoe died in London when he was 70 years old.

Let's check 2



1- Answer these questions:

- 1- When and where was Daniel Defoe born? He was born in London in 1660.
- 2- what jobs did Daniel Defoe have? He was a businessman and a reporter.
- 3- When did Daniel Defoe write his first book? In 1719.
- 4- What was his first book called? Robinson Crusoe.

A true story?

In the 1600s, people were interested in مهتم به science and new inventions اختراعات. Sailors wanted to travel to new countries and see new things. Sometimes sailors were at sea for three or four years.

Defoe took the idea for Robinson Crusoe from the true story of Alexander Selkirk . Selkirk was a sailor who spent قضى four years alone جزيرة on a small island جزيرة near south America. In 1709, an English ship rescued ينقذ him. Selkirk then wrote about his life and he became very famous .

Robinson Crusoe is like Selkirk. He made a good home on the island and grew his own food .He had animals and he made his own clothes . He learnt to live alone.

Let's check 🍑

- 1- What were people interested in, in the 1600s? science and new inventions.
- 2- Do you think life as a sailor in the 1600s was dangerous or safe?

I think it is very dangerous.

- 3- How did Defoe get the idea of "Robinson Crusoe"? From the true story of Alexander Selkirk.
- 4- Who was Alexander Selkirk?

He was a sailor.

Chapter One

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Guinea	دولة غينيا
goods	سلع / بضائع
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leave, left	يترك / يغادر
during	أثناء
voyage	رحلة بحرية
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again	مرة ثانية
towards	باتجاه
pirate	قرصان
Morocco	دولة المغرب

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escape, d	يهرب
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captain	قبطان / قائد
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Chapter one

Robinson Crusoe was born in 1632 in York in England. He worked hard at school. His parents wanted him to find a good job, but he wanted to go to sea and become a sailor.

When he was 18, he went to London and found a ship which was sailing to a country in West Africa called Guinea. He bought some goods which he wanted to sell in Guinea and got on the ship. A short time later, the ship left London.

During the long voyage, Crusoe became a good sailor. When the ship arrived in Guinea, he sold his goods and he went back to London with a lot of money.

Let's check 2



- 1- When and where was Robinson Crusoe born? In 1632 in York.
- 2- How was Robinson Crusoe at school? He worked hard at school.
- 3- What did Robinson Crusoe want to be? A sailor.
- 4- How old was Robinson when he went to London? He was 18.
- 5- Which country did he visit in Africa? Guinea.
- 6- Why did he buy some goods? To sell them in Guinea.

7- What did Robinson do in Guinea?

He sold his goods and went back to London with a lot of money.

In London, Crusoe bought more goods to sell and he sailed towards Guinea again. When they were sailing towards Africa, some pirates took the ship. The pirates took Crusoe and the other sailors to Morocco and sold them as slaves.

After two years, Crusoe was very unhappy and he wanted to escape. One day, he took a small fishing boat. He put some food and water in the boat and he sailed out to sea.

Let's check



- 1- Why did Robinson buy more goods? To sell them in Guinea.
- 2- What happened when they were sailing to Guinea again?

Some pirates took the ship.

- 3- Where did the pirates take Robinson? The pirates took him to Morocco and sold him as slaves.
- 4- Why did Robinson want to escape? Because he was very unhappy.
- 5- How did Robinson run away?

One day, he took a small fishing boat and he sailed out to sea.

After some days in the small boat, a ship sailed by and the captain of the ship rescued Crusoe. The captain was a kind man and his ship took Crusoe to Brazil, where he became a farmer and lived happily. After a few years, Crusoe wanted to be a trader again, and in 1659 he sailed with some friends to Guinea to sell more goods.

Let's check



- 1- Who rescued Robinson at the sea? the captain of the ship rescued Crusoe.
- 2- How did Robinson go to Brazil? By the captain'ship.
- 3- What was Robinson's job in Brazil? A farmer.
- 4- When did Robinson sail to Guinea for a third tíme? In 1659.

During their voyage, the ship sailed into a big storm. The storm became worse and finally the ship started to sink. All the sailors were thrown into the sea. The next morning, Crusoe woke up on a beach, but he couldn't see any of his friends, only the ship's two cats. There was nobody from the ship with him. He looked around the beach and he found a small river where he could wash and drink some water. That first night, he slept in a big tree so that he was safe from dangerous animals or people.

Let's check



- 1- What did the storm do with Robinson's ship? It made the ship sink.
- 2- What happened to Robinson and the sailors during the storm?

They were thrown in the sea.

3- Where did Robinson find himself after the storm?

On the beach.

- 4- What happened to Robinson's friends? He couldn't see any of his friends.
- 5- Where did Robinson sleep in his first night? He slept in a big tree.

Critical thinking

- 1- Why do you think Crusoe wanted to become a sailor?
- Because he loved the sea.
- 2- What kind of goods do you think he bought to sell in Africa?
- ≥ I think he bought some food and clothes.
- 3- Why do you think he decided to leave Brazil and became a trader again?
- > I thínk he dídn't líke his lífe as a farmer.
- 4- Do you think Crusoe was too young to leave home and sail why? why not?
- ≥ I don't think so, because he was old enough to depend on himself.
- 5- Do you thínk Crusoe was a brave man?
- > Yes, I think so because he wasn't afraid to sleep on a tree.

Chapter Two

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tools	أدوات
gun	مسدس
knives	سكاكين
rope	حبل
spend, spent	يقضىي
strong	قو <i>ي</i>
fort	حصن
useful	نافع / مفید
telescope	تلیسکوب / منظار
compass	بوصلة
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diary	يو ميات
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Chapter Two

The next morning, Crusoe decided to swim back to the ship before it sank. He found some boxes of rice, cheese and meat. He looked for his friends, but there was nobody on the ship. He built a small raft and during the next few days he went back to the ship many times to collect food, tools, guns, knives and rope.

Let's check



- 1- Why did Crusoe decide to swim back to the ship? To look for his friends.
- 2- What did Crusoe find on the ship?

He found some boxes of rice, cheese and meat.

3- Did Crusoe find any of his friends?

No.he didn't.

4- How could Crusoe go easily to the ship many tímes?

To collect food, tools, guns, knives and rope.

5- What did Crusoe collect from the ship?

He collected food, tools, guns, knives and rope.

That night, there was another storm and the ship sank. Crusoe spent the next few months building a strong fort where he could live. He made a table and chairs and one day he found some goats. He had a lot of things from the ship which were useful. He had a small telescope, a compass, some books, pens, ink and paper. He decided to write a diary every day.

When he walked around the island, he found a beautiful valley. In the valley, there were orange and lemon trees and melons. It was beautiful and he decided to build a second house there.

Let's check



- 1- How did the ship finally sink? After another storm.
- 2- What did Crusoe build to live in? In a strong fort.
- 3- How long did it take to build a fort? He spent few months.
- 4- What useful things did Crusoe get from the ship? He had a small telescope, a compass, some books, pens, ink and paper.
- 5- What did Crusoe decide to write? He decided to write a diary every day.
- 6- What were there in the valley around the island? In the valley, there were orange and lemon trees and melons.
- 7- Where did Crusoe decide to build another house? In the valley.

One day, he caught a parrot. He taught it to say some words. This made him very happy. In the next few months, he made some pots for cooking and keeping his food. He had meat from the goats and he used his rice to grow more rice.

Let's check



- 1- What did Crusoe teach the parrot? He taught it to say some words.
- 2- Why was Crusoe happy after catching a parrot? Because he taught it to say some words.
- 3- Why did Crusoe make some pots? For cooking and keeping his food.
- 4- What did Crusoe use his rice for? He used his rice to grow more rice.
- 5- Where did Crusoe get meat for food? From the goats.

After three years on the island, he decided to build a boat. He cut down a very large tree and he spent four months building a big boat. But he couldn't push the boat to the beach because it was too big!

In the next few years, Crusoe learned to make clothes from animal skins and he built a smaller boat which he used to sail around the island. He caught some more goats and he made cheese from their milk. His life was good now.

Let's check



- 1- When did Crusoe decide to build a boat? After three years on the island.
- 2- How long did it take Crusoe to build a boat? He spent four months building a big boat.
- 3- Why couldn't Crusoe push the boat to the beach? Because it was too big.
- 4- What did Crusoe use to make clothes? He learned to make clothes from animal skins.
- 5- How was the small boat useful for Crusoe? He used it to sail around the island.
- 6- How could Crusoe live happily on the island? He caught some more goats and he made cheese from their milk.

Then, one day while he was walking along the beach, he saw a man's footprint! He was very afraid and he ran back to his fort. He stayed there for three days and made his fort stronger. A few days later, he saw a fire on the beach, a man's bones. The men who were visiting the island were really dangerous.

Let's check

1- What did Crusoe see while walking along the beach?

He saw a man's footprint.

2- Why did Crusoe make his fort stronger? Because he was very afraid.

3- What was Crusoe's feeling after seeing the man's footprint?

He was very afraid.

4- How could Crusoe know that The men who were visiting the island were really dangerous?

He saw a fire on the beach, a man's bones.

Critical thinking

- 1- Why do you think Crusoe decided to build a fort and not a house?
- > Because a fort is stronger and I think he was afraid of animals.
- 2- Why do you think Crusoe built a small boat to sail around the island?
- > to explore the island.
- 3- How did Crusoe's life in Brazil as a farmer help him on the island?
- > His life in Brazil as a farmer helped him to grow plants for food.
- 4- Crusoe had a telescope, a compass and some tools. Which of these things do you think was the most useful? Why?
- ≥ I think the telescope was the most useful tool because he could use it to see clearly.
- 5- Why do you think Crusoe decided to build a second house?
- ≥ I think the place there was better and safer. The second house would be in that beautiful valley where he could get more food easily.
- 6- Why was Crusoe afraid when he saw the man's footprint on the beach?
- > Because he thought that nobody lived on the island.

Chapter Three				
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quietly		rescue, d	بنقذ	
hill	تل / هضبة	slave	नंट	
hear, heard		call, ed	بُسمِی	
top	قمة	tell, told	يخبر	
Spanish	أسبانى	thhink, thought	يفكر	
slowly	ببطء	plan	خطة	
gold	ذهب	discover, ed	يكتشف	
silver		surprise	مفاجأة	
coins		dance, d	يرقص	
a half	نصف	loudly	بصوت عالٍ	
prisoner	سجين	rest, ed	يرتاح	

Chapter Three

After Crusoe found the footprints on the beach, he didn't feel safe. He was worried about the dangerous men, but they didn't come back to the island. For the next few years, Crusoe lived quietly. He had a lot of food, he worked hard and he wrote his diary at night.

One day, 22 years after he arrived on the island, Crusoe found the dangerous men again. He was really afraid but the men quickly left the island. A year later, while he was walking on the hill, he heard some guns. He ran to the top of the hill. With his telescope, he saw a large Spanish ship which was slowly sinking into the sea.

Crusoe sailed to the ship in his small boat, but there was nobody on the ship. He found some useful cooking pots, clothes and a bag of gold and silver coins.

Let's check 🍟



1- Why didn't Crusoe feel safe after seeing the footprints?

Because he found the footprints on the beach.

- 2- When did Crusoe use to write his diary? At night.
- 3- When did Crusoe see the dangerous men again? One day, 22 years after he arrived on the island.
- 4- What did Crusoe do when he heard the guns? He ran to the top of the hill.
- 5- What did Crusoe see from the top of the hill? He saw a large Spanish ship which was slowly sinking into the sea.

7- What did Crusoe do after seeing the ship sinking into the sea?

He sailed to the ship in his small boat, but there was nobody on the ship.

8- What did Crusoe find on the Spanish ship?

He found some useful cooking pots, clothes and a bag of gold and silver coins.

A year and a half later, Crusoe saw five small boats on the beach and some dangerous men. These men had a prisoner with them, but the prisoner escaped and ran up the beach. Crusoe quickly rescued the man. The man who Crusoe saved wanted to be his slave. But Crusoe didn't want a slave, he wanted a friend. He took the man to his house in the valley and called him Friday because that was the day when he rescued him.

Crusoe was really happy to have a friend and he taught Friday to speak English. They spent the next three years very happily on the island. They told stories, talked and laughed a lot.

Let's check 🎱

1- What happened a year and a half later?

Crusoe saw five small boats on the beach and some dangerous men.

2- Who was with the dangerous men that time?
A prisoner.

3- What did the prisoner do?

The prisoner escaped and ran up the beach.

4- How could Crusoe help the prisoner?

Crusoe quickly rescued the man.

- 5- What name did Crusoe give to the prisoner? Friday.
- 6- Why did he give him that name?

Because that was the day when he rescued him.

7- Why do you think Crusoe was happy after helping "Friday"?

Crusoe was really happy to have a friend.

8- What did Crusoe teach Friday?

He taught Friday to speak English.

9 - How did Crusoe and Friday use to spend their time on the island?

They told stories, talked and laughed a lot.

One day, Friday ran back to the fort because he saw the dangerous men on the beach again. They had a prisoner with them, so Crusoe and Friday thought of a plan and rescued the prisoner. He was a Spanish sailor.

Then Crusoe and Friday discovered a second prisoner on the beach. It was very big surprise because the man was Friday's father! Friday was really happy and he danced and laughed loudly. The four men went back to Crusoe's fort where they ate some food and rested.

Let's check



- 1- Why did Friday run back to the fort one day? Because he saw the dangerous men on the beach again.
- 2- How many prisoners were with the dangerous men that time? Two prisoners.
- 3- Who was the first prisoner who was with the dangerous men? He was a Spanish sailor.
- 4- What surprised both of Crusoe and Friday? Who was the second prisoner? The second prisoner was Friday's father.
- 5- what did Friday do after the rescue of his father? Friday was really happy and he danced and laughed loudly.
- 6- Where did the four men go after that? The four men went back to Crusoe's fort.

Critical thinking

- 1- Why do you think Crusoe write in his diary every night?
- Because he had a lot of free time.
- 2- In what way was his telescope useful?
- > He could use it to see things that were far away easily.
- 3- Why did Crusoe teach Friday to speak English?
- To be able to talk to him as a friend.
- 4- Do you think Crusoe found it easy or difficult to have three men on the island with him?
- ≥ I think it was very easy because he wanted a company.
- 5- Was it a good idea for him to climb into a ship that was sinking? Why/Why not?
- > Yes, it was a good idea Because Crusoe was strong, brave and a good swimmer.

Chapter Four			
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mutineer		wife	زوجة
capture, d	يأسر	die, d	يموت
special	ممیز / خاص	feel, felt	يشعر
meal	وجبة	difficult	صعب
hurt, hurt		trader	تاجر
let, let	يدع / يترك	experience	خبرة
marry, married	يتزوج	through	عبر

Chapter Four

The four men became good friends and they lived happily on the island. One day, Crusoe was surprised to see an English ship! A small boat sailed to the island and some sailors brought three prisoners from the ship.

Crusoe watched the men and learned that the three prisoners were also sailors from the ship. One of the men was the ship's captain who was with his friends. The people who took them to the island were mutineers and now they were looking around the island.

Let's check



- 1- Why was Crusoe and his four friends surprised? They were surprised to see an English ship.
- 2- What did the sailors bring to the island? Sailors brought three prisoners from the ship.
- 3- How many prisoners were with the sailors? Three prisoners.
- 4- Who were the prisoners on the English Ship? They were mutineers.

Crusoe and Friday were brave and they rescued the English captain and his two friends. Then they captured the mutineers and they took back the English ship.

The English captain wanted to thank Crusoe for his help. He made a special meal and then he gave Crusoe his ship! Crusoe was really happy. He didn't want to hurt the mutineers, so he let them stay on the island. On 19 December 1686, Crusoe left the island and sailed back to England with Friday and the ship's captain.

Let's check 🎱



1- Who saved the Captain of the English ship and his two friends?

Crusoe and Friday.

2- What happened to the mutineers?

They captured the mutineers.

- 3- How did The English captain thank Crusoe? He made a special meal and then he gave Crusoe his ship.
- 4- Did Crusoe kill the mutineers? No, he didn't. He let them stay on the island.
- 5- When did Crusoe leave the island? On 19 December 1686.
- 6- Who sailed back to England with Crusoe? With Friday and the ship's captain.

When Crusoe returned to England, he married and had three children. Sadly, eight years later, his wife died and he decided to visit his island again. He stayed there for three weeks and he helped the people who were living there.

Let's check

- 1- What did Crusoe do when he returned to England? He married and had three children.
- 2- How many children did Crusoe have? Three children.

- 3- When did Crusoe decide to visit the island again? After his wife died.
- 4- How long did he stay on the island? He stayed there for three weeks.
- 5- What did he do there?

He helped the people who were living there.

Crusoe felt sad when he left the island. When he returned to England, he found it difficult to be happy, and after a few years, he decided to go to sea again and worked as a trader. He wanted to use his experience to help other sailors when they travelled through dangerous seas.

Let's check



1- What was Crusoe's feeling when he left the island?

He was sad.

2- What did Crusoe decide to do at the end of the story?

He decided to go to sea again and worked as a trader.

3- Why did Crusoe want to be a trader again? He wanted to use his experience to help other sailors when they travelled through dangerous seas.

Critical thinking

- 1- How do you think Crusoe felt when he saw the English ship?
- > I think he was happy. He thought it would be a good chance for rescue.
- 2- Do you think Friday enjoyed living in England? Why? why not?
- > I think Friday couldn't enjoy living in England. As for Friday, Living there wouldn't be easy.
- 3- Why did Crusoe feel sad when he left the island at the end?
- ≥ I think he liked the simple life there.

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