

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS IIA

Robinson Crusoe **Comprehension Questions**

Chapters 1-3

1. Where and when was Robinson Crusoe born?
2. When Robinson Crusoe was 19 years old he ran away. Why did he run away and where did he go?
3. After 8 years, Crusoe decided to go back to England for a visit. What happened on the way to England?
4. What did Robinson Crusoe get from the ship? Why?
5. Crusoe found money on the ship. What did he think was better than all the money on the ship? Why?
6. After making a tent, Robinson needed 4 things. What were they?

True or False

7. Robinson Crusoe used a large post to help him keep track of the days and weeks.
8. It took about 3 weeks to dry the grapes into raisins.
9. Crusoe planted wheat and rice in February.
10. It took one month of hard work to make a canoe.

Fill-In

11. Robinson Crusoe used _____ to make clothes.
12. On _____, he tried out his handmade boat.
13. In 2 years he had _____ goats.
14. Robinson Crusoe had _____ homes on the island.
15. Crusoe never went very far in his boat because the _____ and _____ scared him.

Chapters 4-5

1. What surprised Robinson Crusoe when he was walking to his boat?
2. How did he feel when he saw this? (*from Question #1*) What did he think about it?
3. Who was coming to the island?
4. How did he feel about these people? (*Question #3*)
5. Crusoe heard gunshots and made a big fire. Why?
6. What was inside the 2 big trunks?
7. Crusoe had a dream that made him very happy. Describe the dream.

True or False

8. About 30 cannibals took 4 men to the island to eat them.
9. Crusoe helped a man escape.
10. Friday was an Englishman.

Fill-In

11. Crusoe did not want Friday to live in the fort so he made Friday a _____.
12. Cannibals are known to eat _____.
13. Friday asked the _____ not to kill him.
14. Friday was surprised that Crusoe put _____ on the meat.
15. Crusoe thought that Friday was a _____ and _____ man.

Chapters 6-8

1. How did Friday show Crusoe how many people his tribe had killed and eaten?
2. What is the name of Friday's tribe?
3. How many "White Mans" did Friday's tribe save?

4. Why didn't Friday's tribe eat the white men? *(from Question #3)*
5. Why couldn't the big boat be used to get to Friday's homeland?
6. When the cannibals came back to the island they brought 3 white men with them. How did Crusoe know that the man with a beard was a white man?

True or False

7. The cannibals had Friday's father in the canoe.
8. Crusoe was worried about being killed by Friday's people.
9. Crusoe had been on the island for 31 years.

Fill-In

10. Eight days after the Spaniard and Friday's father left, an _____ ship came to the island.
11. The boat was left high and dry because the _____ went out.
12. The crew from the ship wanted to kill the _____.
13. There were 2 other prisoners besides the captain. One was the captain's mate and the other one was a _____.
14. After the crew's hands and feet were tied, the crew was put in the _____.

Chapters 9-10

1. Why did the captain and Crusoe wreck the small boat?
2. What did the captain say about the 10 men who were coming to the island?
3. What was the captain's plan to catch the 10 men who were coming to the island?
4. How did Crusoe plan to catch the 10 men?
5. Why were the men afraid when they got back to the boat?
6. Why did the captain want to kill Will Atkins?

True or False

7. The captain, his mate, and ten other men were able to take over the ship.
8. Crusoe knew the captain had won when he heard 10 gunshots.
9. When Crusoe realized he was finally going home, he could not talk and was so happy, he cried.
10. The prisoners decided they would rather stay on the island instead of going back to England.
11. Crusoe did not leave the prisoners with any guns.

Multiple Choice

12. Before the ship sailed for England, 2 of the 5 prisoners swam to the side of the ship. Why?
 - a. They were going to try to steal guns and gunpowder.
 - b. They said the other men on the island wanted to kill them.
 - c. The cannibals had tried to eat them.
13. Robinson Crusoe left the island on:
 - a. December 19, 1686
 - b. February 1, 1686
 - c. October 15, 1686
14. What happened to Friday?
 - a. He went to live with his father on the mainland.
 - b. He stayed with Crusoe in England.
 - c. He went to Brazil to work on Crusoe's farm.
15. What did Crusoe do when he grew tired of England?
 - a. He went to Austria.
 - b. He sailed back to the island where he had been marooned.
 - c. He went to Brazil to help Friday on the farm.

