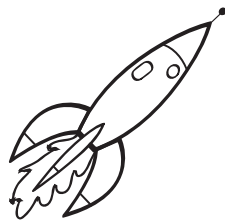


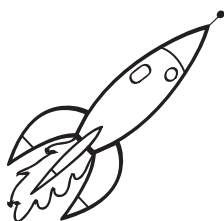
# Explorers 6



## Teacher's notes for the Comprehension Test: *Treasure Island*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that this is part of the *Treasure Island* story.
- Ask them to read the text silently.
- Remind them to look at the picture, too.
- If there are any words they have forgotten, tell them not to worry. Tell them to read everything they can.
- When they have finished reading the text, ask them to read each question one at a time.
- Do not give any help.
- Then ask them to read the three possible answers that are given.
- Ask them to underline which answer they think is correct.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

# Explorers 6



## Comprehension Test: *Treasure Island*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



I remember the pirate Billy Bones very well. He came walking up the road from the harbour: a big, brown-skinned man in a dirty blue coat. He had long black hair and a scar across his cheek. Behind Billy another man pulled his sea chest along on a cart. Billy Bones knocked on the door of our guest house with his stick. When my father appeared, Billy said, 'I want a room.'

He threw four gold coins on the ground in front of my father.

I helped the man to carry the great sea chest up to the spare bedroom. It was so heavy that we were both glad to put it down. Billy Bones walked in afterwards and looked around the room. He smiled to himself and I decided that he must like the room.

Billy Bones stayed at the Admiral Benbow for weeks. Every day he climbed up onto the cliff and looked at the sea through a brass telescope. He spent the evenings in the guest house by the fire where he sang his old songs and told stories of terrible storms at sea and men having exciting adventures.

If another sailor came to stay at the guest house, Billy peered at him and frowned.

One day, he said to me, 'I'm hiding from a one-legged man. He wants to steal my sea chest, Jim. You must watch out for him and tell me if you see him.'

One foggy winter afternoon as I stood at the door of the Admiral Benbow, I saw a man slowly walking along the road. He wore a great cloak with a hood. He tapped the ground in front of him with a stick. As the man approached the guest house, he heard me moving by the door. He stopped in front of me.

'I am Blind Pew,' said the man. 'A poor, blind beggar. Will you please tell me where I am?'

'You are at the Admiral Benbow in Black Hill Cove,' I told him.

Blind Pew pulled me towards him.

'Take me to Billy Bones, boy,' he hissed, 'or I will break your arm.'

Inside the guest house, Billy looked up and stared at Blind Pew. He looked sick with fear.

'Hold out your hand, Billy,' ordered Pew. He pressed a piece of paper into Billy's hand, and then disappeared. I heard his stick tap-tapping down the road.

Billy staggered and put his hand to his throat.

'Pew has given me the black spot. He has killed me with his curse,' he whispered.

## Choose and underline the correct answer.

1. Who came up the road from the harbour?  
a) Admiral Benbow    b) Jim Hawkins    c) Billy Bones
2. Where did Billy Bones have a scar?  
a) on his coat    b) across his cheek    c) on his arm
3. What did Billy throw on the ground in front of Jim's father?  
a) four gold coins    b) his stick    c) his sea chest
4. What do you know about Billy's sea chest?  
a) It was dirty.    b) It was old.    c) It was heavy.
5. How did Billy spend his evenings?  
a) He sang songs and told stories.    b) He looked through his telescope.  
c) He read books by the fire.
6. Who was Billy hiding from?  
a) a ghost    b) a man with one leg    c) a man with one arm
7. What was the weather like when Blind Pew walked to the guest house?  
a) foggy    b) rainy    c) sunny
8. Jim saw a man walking along the road. What was the man wearing?  
a) a dirty blue cloak    b) big, black boots    c) a great cloak with a hood
9. Why do you think the man used a stick to help him walk?  
a) he wanted people to hear him    b) he was blind    c) he was old
10. How did Blind Pew know Jim was at the door of the guest house?  
a) he heard him moving    b) he saw him    c) he smelt him
11. How can you tell Billy was frightened when he saw Blind Pew?  
a) He looked sick with fear.    b) He hissed at Jim.    c) He ran away.

## Teacher's notes for the Word Recognition Test: *Treasure Island*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that the words all come from the *Treasure Island* book.
- Tell the children to listen to each sentence that you read. Read the first sentence to the class and stress the word in bold print. Say the word in bold print again, on its own, when you have finished the sentence.
- Ask the children to choose which word they think it is from the three possible words they are given for that sentence.
- Ask them to underline the word of their choice. (If they make a mistake and want to change their mind, tell them to cross out the wrong answer and underline the correct answer.)
- Repeat this procedure with each sentence.
- Make sure the children know which number sentence you are reading each time.
- Do not give any help.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

### Test sentences and words

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|---|------------------|
| 1. The ship came into the <b>harbour</b> .                    | <b>harbour</b>   |
| 2. Someone who is <b>cruel</b> , likes to hurt people.        | <b>cruel</b>     |
| 3. A <b>journey</b> is when you go from one place to another. | <b>journey</b>   |
| 4. It is not nice to <b>argue</b> .                           | <b>argue</b>     |
| 5. Jim had an exciting <b>adventure</b> .                     | <b>adventure</b> |
| 6. Jim walked in the <b>direction</b> of the tree.            | <b>direction</b> |
| 7. The sun made my <b>shadow</b> long and thin.               | <b>shadow</b>    |
| 8. I was <b>amazed</b> when I saw my present.                 | <b>amazed</b>    |
| 9. If you <b>strike</b> something, you hit it.                | <b>strike</b>    |
| 10. If you are in a <b>rage</b> , you are very angry.         | <b>rage</b>      |

## Word Recognition Test: *Treasure Island*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Underline the correct word.

1. a) hardly      b) harpoon      c) harbour
2. a) crew      b) cruel      c) school
3. a) journey      b) journal      c) jerky
4. a) agree      b) argue      c) again
5. a) adventure      b) advent      c) advice
6. a) director      b) discussion      c) direction
7. a) shade      b) shadow      c) shallow
8. a) amaze      b) amazed      c) amazing
9. a) strike      b) stroke      c) streak
10. a) rag      b) rage      c) ragged