



The Mysterious Island

Answers to Book activities

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a master prisoner
b branch rock rope
c branch island land rock
d balloon
e cave
f cave wave
g match
h branch match
i bark
j bow rock
k mysterious
l sign
- 3 a West, away from land over the Pacific, and then South.
b The balloon is going down, so they have to make it lighter. Then it will go up again.
c Fish, eggs, birds and fruit.
d Cyrus moves from the beach to a cave. There are signs of a man's shoes outside the cave. They find a box on the beach. It is from the sea, but it is dry inside. There are a lot of good things in it. Top, the dog, finds their cave easily.

4-6 Open answers

- 7 a They do not have to watch the fire now. They can light a new fire with a match.
b They can climb through the cave in the rock and up the rock wall to the cave window. They can pull their beds, chairs and tables into the cave.
c They light them, and then they can see in dark places.
d Cave House is their new home on the island.

8-9 Open answers

- 10 a submarine
b captain
c prince
- 11 a Captain Nemo (Prince Dakkar their mysterious friend)
b Gideon Spillet
c Cyrus Smith
d Captain Nemo (Prince Dakkar)
e Captain Bright
f Herbert

12-15 Open answers

Answers to Factsheet activities

Communicative activities

Open answers

Student's activities

Activities before reading the book

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a box	32
a boy	2,15,19
a branch	15
a cave	15
a cave	15,19
a dog	2,15
a door	32
a fire	19
a light	15
a rope	2, 23
a ship	23

a window	19
fish	19
rocks	19
sea	23
waves	23

Activities while reading the book

Chapters 1-4

- 1 (a) (iv) a strong man
(b) (iii) a seaman
(c) (ii) a newspaper man
(d) (v) Cyrus Smith's man
(e) (i) a dog
- 2 The boy - he is named in Chapter 2: Herbert
- 3 The correct order is:
bags
guns
food
water
money
the rest of the balloon
Cyrus Smith
the dog
the three men and the boy
- 4 They found all of the things except for people.
wood = trees
water = river
food = eggs and fish and fruit
- 5 (a) the fire
(b) the dog
(c) Cyrus Smith
(d) Cyrus Smith
(e) Cyrus's cave
(f) the signs of a man's shoes
- 6 Other combinations are possible
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|--------------|-----------------|
| (a) cook | (v) fire |
| (b) write | (ix) notebook |
| (c) cut | (vii) knife |
| (d) eat | (iv) fruit |
| (e) throw | (x) rocks |
| (f) use | (i) bow |
| (g) climb | (viii) mountain |
| (h) make | (iii) coffee |
| (i) put into | (ii) box |
| (j) have | (vi) dinner |

Chapters 5-9

- 1 (a) the box
(b) the fire
(c) the beach
(d) the trees
(e) the water
(f) the sky
(g) the rock wall
(h) the river
(i) the fish
(j) the big cave
- 2 (a) in (b) away (c) in (d) through (e) into (f) down (g) to (h) at (i) above (j) in (k) outside (l) to (m) from (n) of (o) below (p) above
- 3 (a) (ix) They went in and out through the front way.
(b) (ii) They climbed up to it.
(c) (viii) They used two shorter ropes.
(d) (iv) They made it.
(e) (vi) They made them.
(f) (v) They made more windows.
(g) (iii) They made a hole in the rock above the fire.
(h) (i) They always had food for three or four days in the cave.

- (i) (vii) They pulled them up when they were all in Cave House.

4 Possible answers

- (a) Because they were afraid that the pirates would kill them.
(b) They probably came for fresh water.
(c) To find out what they wanted.
(d) They always did it - probably for fun or to see if there was any response.
(e) He thought the pirates would know that there were people on the island.
(f) Because a big wave sank their ship.

5 (a) beach

- (b) sea
(c) ship
(d) pirates
(e) hours
(f) halves
(g) food
(h) wind
(i) torpedo

Chapters 10-13

- 1 The first three ways are listed at the beginning of Chapter 10. The fourth way is the bottle to help Herbert get better.

2 The correct order is:

- (f) Pencroft climbed down the rope.
(g) Pencroft found a shelf of rock next to the water.
(e) Nab climbed down the rope.
(h) The others climbed down the rope.
(i) They found a boat.
(a) A white light lit the cave.
(j) They saw something half above the water and half below it.
(c) Cyrus Smith took Spillet's arm.
(b) Cyrus Smith said 'It's him.'
(d) Gideon Spillet said 'But isn't he dead?'

3 (a) True

- (b) True
(c) True
(d) False - the fought them and lost.
(e) False - he planned and built it himself.
(f) True
(g) False - he wanted him to sink the ship.

4 Possible answers

- (a) It helped them to catch bigger and better fish and to visit other islands to find different fruits
(b) The island was not on a map so ships didn't visit but the British ship was making a map of the islands of the Pacific.
(c) They saw the smoke of the British ship first and they used smoke to bring the ship to the island
(d) The people wanted to have families or to see their families
(e) Spillet wanted to write the story of the adventure and Pencroft could tell new stories

Activities after reading the book

Open answers

