

Robert Louis Stevenson Treasure Island

After Jim Hawkins finds a map in an old sea chest, he starts an exciting adventure which will take him far-off island in search of treasure. He sets sail with his friends, but they don't realise that many of the crew are pirates and their leader is the cook, Long John Silver. The pirates want to find the treasure first at all costs! Enjoy reading about the adventures of Jim and his friends at sea and discover who finds the buried treasure.

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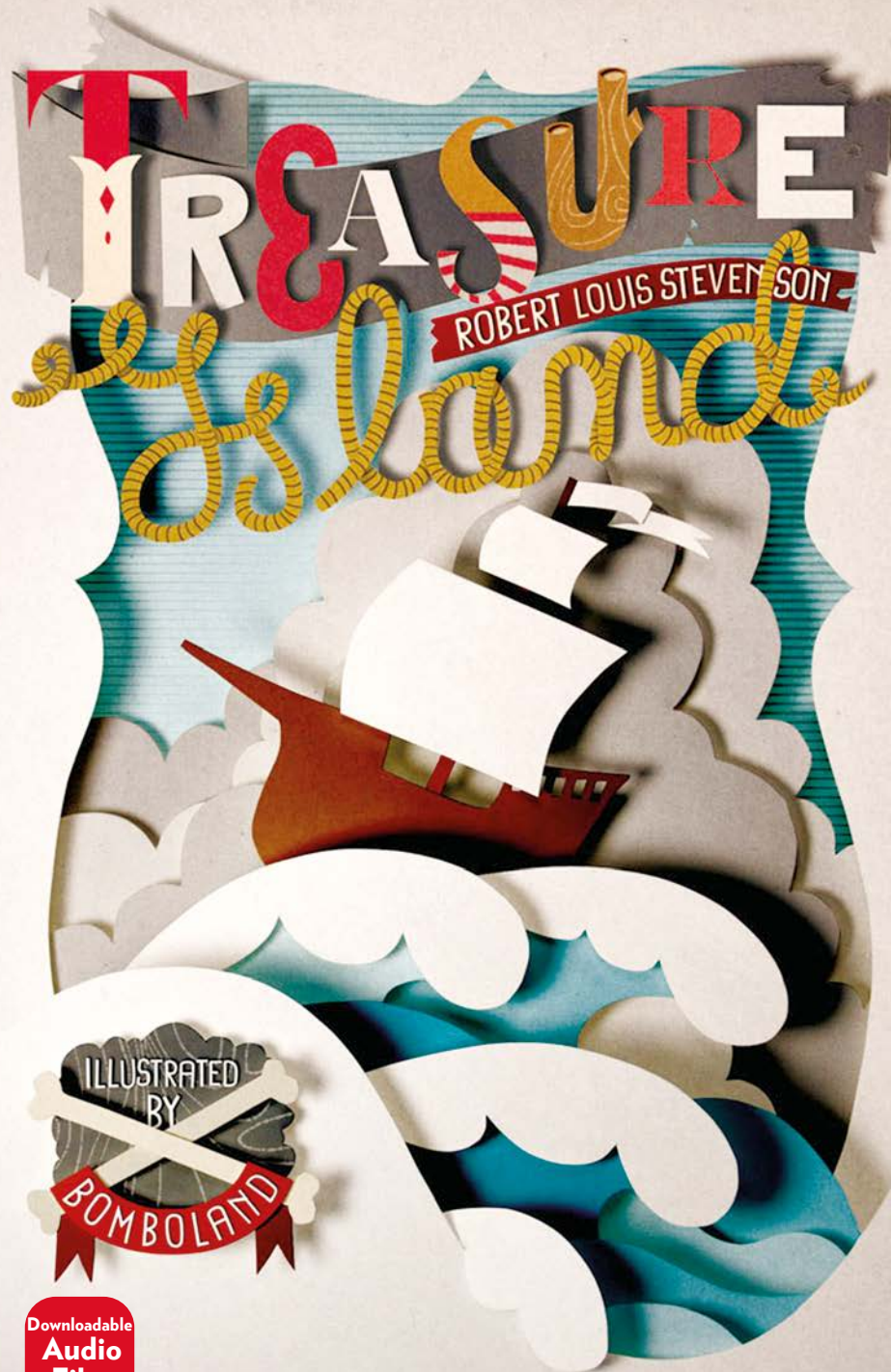
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Book brief

- 1 Classic adventure novel by Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson, first published in 1883, it is full of atmosphere and action, and is considered by many to be the best book about pirates ever written.
- 2 Set in the mid-1700s in the days of sailing ships, it tells the story of the adventures of a young boy, Jim Hawkins, and his search for the buried treasure of an evil pirate, Captain Flint.
- 3 It created the popular figure of the one-legged pirate with a parrot on his shoulder.
- 4 Many ideas from *Treasure Island*, such as the map with a red X to indicate where the treasure is, can still be found in pirate stories even today.
- 5 Main themes: adventure and growing up.

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Main Characters



**Jim
HAWKINS**

He's excited about the idea of going to sea to look for treasure.



**Billy
BONES**

His sea chest and treasure map start the adventure.



**BLACK
DOG**

Once a member of Captain Flint's crew: this pirate has two fingers missing from his left hand.



BLIND PEW

He was also part of Captain Flint's crew. He's very dangerous even if he can't see.



**Dr.
Livesey**

The local Doctor and magistrate: he's clever and practical.



SQUIRE TRELAWNEY

*A rich man who organises
the voyage to the island to
find the treasure.*



LONG JOHN SILVER

*The cook on the ship
to Treasure Island:
he's really the leader
of the pirates.*



CAPTAIN SMOLLETT

*The Captain of
the ship that
takes them
to Treasure
Island.*

BEN GUNN

*Once a
member
of Flint's
crew: he has
been on the
island for
three years.*



ISRAEL HANDS

*One of Silver's pirates:
he tries to kill Jim
Hawkins.*

Before you read

Reading

- 1 Read the following text and choose the correct word for each space from A, B or C.

Treasure Island is an adventure story. It is (1) _____ a young boy, Jim Hawkins, who (2) _____ friends with (3) _____ old pirate called Billy Bones. From here, (4) _____ adventure begins. There are (5) _____ of strange characters in the story. One of (6) _____ is Long John Silver. He (7) _____ only one leg and a parrot (8) _____ his shoulder. (9) _____ the pirates and Jim's friends want to find the treasure on the (10) _____.

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| A is | B are | C it's |
| 1 A from | B about | C to |
| 2 A make | B makes | C don't make |
| 3 A a | B one | C an |
| 4 A her | B him | C his |
| 5 A some | B lots | C much |
| 6 A they | B their | C them |
| 7 A has | B have | C have |
| 8 A in | B on | C to |
| 9 A Between | B From | C Both |
| 10 A woods | B island | C sea |

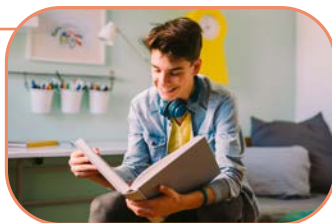
Speaking and Writing

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Skills

- 2 *Treasure Island* is an adventure story.

Discuss these questions with a partner and write your answers.

- What other adventure stories have you read?
- What other kinds of books do you like reading?
- Do you prefer reading paper books or ebooks? Why?
- Do you prefer reading or watching films? Why?
- Do you think it's important to read books? Why / Why not?
- What kind of story would you like to write about?



Listening A2 Key

-  2  3 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 1 and choose the correct answer – A, B or C.

- Jim Hawkins lived with
- 1 His home was
- 2 The seaman's chest was
- 3 Billy Bones liked the place because
- 4 In the evening, the seaman
- 5 Billy Bones wanted to know about
- 6 He promised Jim Hawkins
- A ☐ an admiral.
B ☒ his parents.
C ☐ Ben.
- A ☐ near the beach.
B ☐ in south-east England.
C ☐ in a city.
- A ☐ big and white.
B ☐ big and heavy.
C ☐ big and old.
- A ☐ he could drink rum.
B ☐ it wasn't noisy.
C ☐ he liked watching sheep.
- A ☐ never said a word.
B ☐ always asked about someone.
C ☐ chatted to everybody all night.
- A ☐ the sea.
B ☐ the weather that day.
C ☐ a seaman.
- A ☐ lots of gold.
B ☐ a leg of ham.
C ☐ a penny.

Speaking

-  4 A Work with a partner. Think of some words you can use to describe:

- a pirate's character and his appearance;
- Jim's feelings about having an adventure.

-  2-3  4 B Listen to Chapter 1 to find out if your words are there.

Chapter 1

Billy Bones and his Sea Chest¹

- ▶ 2 Jim Hawkins lived with his mother and father in an inn² called the ‘Admiral Benbow’. It was in a seaside³ village in south-west England.

The seaman, Billy Bones takes a room at Jim Hawkins’ parents’ inn. He says he’ll give Jim a penny if he tells him when a seaman with one leg comes to the inn, but months pass and nobody comes.

One day, an old seaman⁴ arrived at the inn with a big heavy sea chest. He had a white scar⁵ on his face and looked very fierce⁶.

He drank a glass of rum. Then he asked for a room and said:

‘I like it here. It’s quiet and I can watch the ships.’

His name was Billy Bones. Every day he looked out to sea through his telescope⁷. He didn’t speak much, but every night he asked the same question:

‘Have any seamen come today?’

One day he called Jim Hawkins and said:

‘I’ll give you a penny, my boy, if you tell me when a seaman with one leg comes to this inn.’

‘Of course!’ said Jim, happy to earn a penny. ◻

¹ **sea chest**



² **inn** a small hotel

³ **seaside** next to the sea

⁴ **seaman** a person who works on a ship

⁵ **scar** see page 11. The man has a scar on his face

⁶ **fierce** wild and dangerous

⁷ **telescope** see page 11. The man is looking through his telescope



The seaman, Billy Bones, is looking out to sea through his telescope.



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3 Months passed but no one-legged seaman came.

Then, one morning in January, a strange man arrived at the inn.

Jim was laying¹ the table for breakfast and looked up as the man came in. His face was thin and grey. Then Jim noticed his left hand. He had only three fingers.

‘I wonder if Billy Bones will give me my penny for a man with three fingers instead of one leg,’ he thought.

‘Come here, boy,’ said the man. ‘Tell me, is this Billy Bones’ table?’

‘Yes,’ answered Jim, ‘but he’s walking on the cliffs² at the moment. You can wait for him here.’

‘Good idea, boy!’ said the man and sat down to wait.

When Billy Bones returned from his walk and saw the man, he wasn’t very happy.

‘Black Dog!’ he said. ‘What are you doing here?’ ‘Aren’t you pleased to see an old shipmate³?’ asked Black Dog.

Jim left the two men to speak in private⁴. Then there was a loud CRASH! When he went back into

A strange man called Black Dog comes to the inn. He waits for Billy Bones to arrive. Jim leaves them to talk. Then there’s a loud noise and he finds Billy Bones on the floor. Black Black Dog has gone away.

¹ **lay** prepare for a meal

² **cliffs** steep rock by the sea



³ **shipmate** a sailor

⁴ **in private** (here) nobody can hear what they’re saying to each other

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the room, Billy Bones was lying on the floor and Black Dog had gone.

Luckily, Billy Bones wasn't dead, but he had to stay in bed for a long time after his fight¹ with his 'old friend' Black Dog.

During this time, Jim cared for² the old man and one day Billy said: 'You are always kind to me Jim, so now I'll tell you a secret.'

Jim sat on the bed and listened carefully.

'Do you remember Black Dog?'

'Of course!' answered Jim.

'Well, he's a bad man and there are lots more like him who want to see me dead!'

'But why?' asked Jim.

'They want my old sea chest. We were all members of Captain Flint's crew³,' he said.

'Who's Captain Flint?' asked Jim.

'Captain Flint! He was a famous pirate⁴ and we had lots of adventures together!'

Jim was so surprised that he couldn't say a word.

'Don't be afraid, Jim, my pirate days are over⁵. But I need your help now. When I die, you mustn't let⁶ the others take my sea chest. Promise!'

Jim looks after Billy Bones and the man decides to tell him a secret. He was once a pirate with Captain Flint's crew. Now the pirates want to kill him because they want his sea chest. He makes Jim promise never to give it to them when he dies.

¹ **fight** hit each other

² **care for** look after

³ **crew** group of people who work on a ship

⁴ **pirate** 

⁵ **over** finished

⁶ **let** (permit) if you let someone do something, you don't stop them doing it

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‘OK, I promise, but what’s inside the sea chest?’

‘You’ll see when you open it,’ was all Billy said.

One afternoon, a blind¹ man arrived at the inn and asked for Billy Bones. Jim took him to Billy’s table. The two men said nothing, but the blind man gave Billy a note and left quickly.

‘Who was that?’ asked Jim.

But Billy didn’t answer. He looked at the note. His face went very white, then he said:

‘Ten o’clock! Quick Jim we have six hours...’

He stood up, then fell to the floor... dead!

Jim stared² at the dead man, too shocked³ to cry.

Then he remembered his promise to Billy.

‘The sea chest!’ he exclaimed⁴, ‘Ten o’clock, six hours!’ and he ran upstairs to Billy’s room.

The sea chest was under the window. Jim opened it slowly. Inside there were two pistols, an old Spanish watch, a compass and some shells.

Then in the corner of the chest, Jim found a small bag of coins and a scroll. He put everything into a bag and thought:

‘I must hide everything before the blind man and his friends come back.’

¹ **blind** can’t see

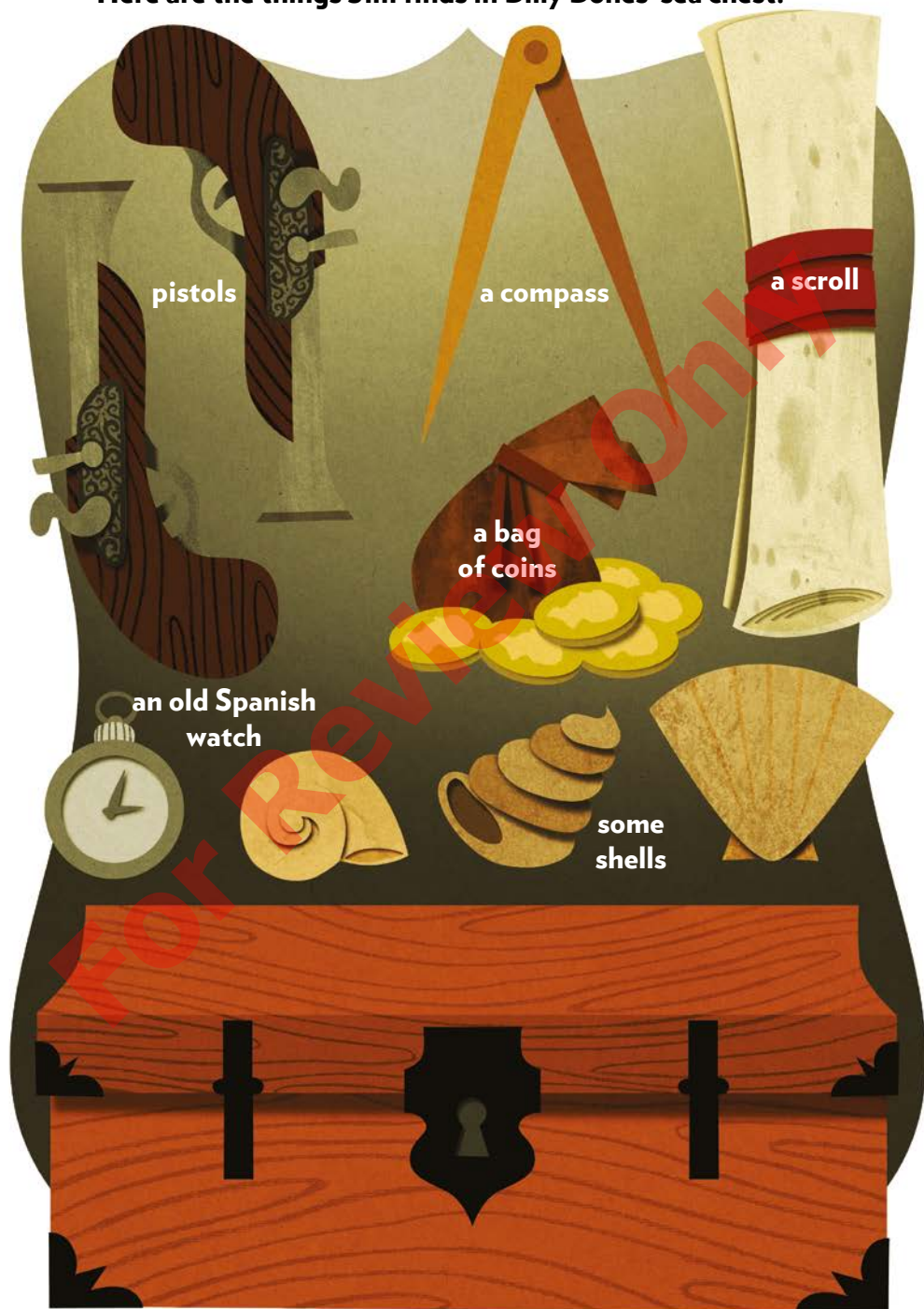
² **stare** look at something with your eyes wide open for longer than usual

³ **shocked** surprised in a bad way

⁴ **exclaim** shout suddenly because you’re surprised

A blind man comes to the inn and gives Billy Bones a note. Billy Bones only has time to tell Jim that they have six hours then he dies. Jim does as he promised and takes everything that was in Billy Bones’ chest,

Here are the things Jim finds in Billy Bones' sea chest:



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Jim hides under a bridge when he hears the pirates. They want to find him because he has the map that was in the sea chest. If they find the map, they'll be rich. Then the pirates run away when they hear horses coming, but the blind man, Pew, dies when he's hit by Doctor Livesey's horse.

So, he took his bag and quietly left the inn.

It was night now and there was a full moon. Jim started to walk to the next village. Just as he reached¹ a bridge, he heard a noise and looked back. Not far behind, he could see some men with lanterns². They were coming towards³ him. He thought quickly. Instead of crossing the bridge, he hid under it.

Soon the men arrived at the bridge. One of them was the blind man.

'I can't see the boy anywhere, Pew,' said one of the buccaneers⁴ to the blind man.

'You're not the only one!' exclaimed Pew.

'We must find him. He has the map that was in the chest,' said Pew. 'Remember, if we find the map, we'll be as rich as kings!'

Under the bridge, Jim listened and was scared⁵ and excited at the same time.

Then they heard horses coming from the village. The men ran away and left blind Pew in the middle of the road. The horse hit Pew as it came over the bridge. He died instantly⁶.

The rider⁷, Doctor Livesey, got off his horse.

¹ **reach** arrive a

² **lanterns** an old kind of light

³ **towards** up to

⁴ **buccaneer** pirate

⁵ **scared** frightened

⁶ **instantly** at that moment

⁷ **rider** a person who rides a horse



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Livesey wasn't only a doctor but also a magistrate¹ and Jim knew him well. The Doctor took him to his house and Jim told him his story.

'So, Jim,' said the Doctor, 'where's the map?'

'Here it is, Sir,' said Jim as he gave the Doctor the scroll. The Doctor looked at it for a long time but didn't open it. Instead he said:

'You must be hungry, Jim. Stay for dinner!'

'Oh, thank you, Sir,' said Jim.

Mr. Trelawney, the Squire², was also at the dinner and while they ate, the two men told Jim the story of Captain Flint.

'Flint was a terrible pirate. Before dying, he buried³ his treasure⁴ in a secret place,' they said.

'But now we have the map, thanks to you, Jim!' said the Doctor.

They opened the scroll. It was a map of an island with three red crosses⁵ and 'treasure here' written near one of them.

'Right, tomorrow I'm going to buy a ship,' said the Squire, 'and we'll sail to the island!'

'And find the treasure!' said the Doctor and Jim. ■

Captain Flint was a terrible pirate who buried his treasure in a secret place. But now they have the map and the Squire is going to buy a ship so they can sail to the island where the treasure is.

Think

Who do you think will help the three friends to sail the ship?

¹ **magistrate** a person who decides if someone has broken the law or not

² **Squire** a property owner

³ **bury** hide under ground

⁴ **treasure** very valuable things: gold, precious stones or money

⁵ **cross** X

Reading A2 Key

- 1 Complete the text about Chapter 1 with one word in each space.**

Billy Bones is worried that the other pirates will find him. He has a map in (1) _____ sea chest that shows where Captain Flint, a famous pirate, buried his treasure (2) _____ dying. When Billy Bones dies, Jim does (3) _____ he promised; he takes all the things out of the sea chest and hides (4) _____ in his bag. On his way to the next village, he hears the pirates talking about him and this is when he finds out (5) _____ the map. That evening, Jim, Doctor Livesey and the Squire look (6) _____ the map and they decide to sail to the island to find the buried treasure.

Grammar

- 2 Complete the questions with a word from the box, then match them with the right answer.**

Who Why ~~What~~ Where When Whose

What does Billy Bones promise to give Jim?

A penny

- | | |
|---|-------|
| 1 _____ is Billy Bones' sea chest heavy? | _____ |
| 2 _____ was Captain Flint? | _____ |
| 3 _____ does Jim Hawkins hide from Pew and his men? | _____ |
| 4 _____ horse hits Pew? | _____ |
| 5 _____ does Black Dog arrive at the inn? | _____ |
| a One morning in January. | |
| b Doctor Livesey's. | |
| c He has a lot of things in it. | |
| d A famous pirate. | |
| e Under a bridge. | |
| f A penny. | |

Vocabulary

3 Match each word with its opposite.

- | | |
|----------|-------------|
| 1 south | a noisy |
| 2 slowly | b north |
| 3 small | c hot |
| 4 cold | d difficult |
| 5 quiet | e quickly |
| 6 easy | f big |

Pair Work

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Skills

4 A At the end of Chapter 1, Jim and his friends decide to go and look for Captain Flint's treasure. Work in pairs and match each game with the correct picture. Look online for help.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 ☐ Chinese whispers | 2 ☐ Hide-and-seek |
| 3 ☐ Snakes and Ladders | 4 ☐ Treasure Hunt |
| 5 ☐ Hopscotch | |



a



b



c



d



e

4 B Have you ever played any of these games? Talk in pairs about them and describe other games that you play with your friends or family.

Vocabulary

5 Read the definitions and complete the words.

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| You drink from this: | g <u>l a s s</u> |
| 1 You use this to see far-away objects: | t _____ |
| 2 You put your treasure in this: | c _____ |
| 3 You wear a ring on this: | f _____ |
| 4 A old kind of light: | l _____ |
| 5 You find these on the beach: | s _____ |