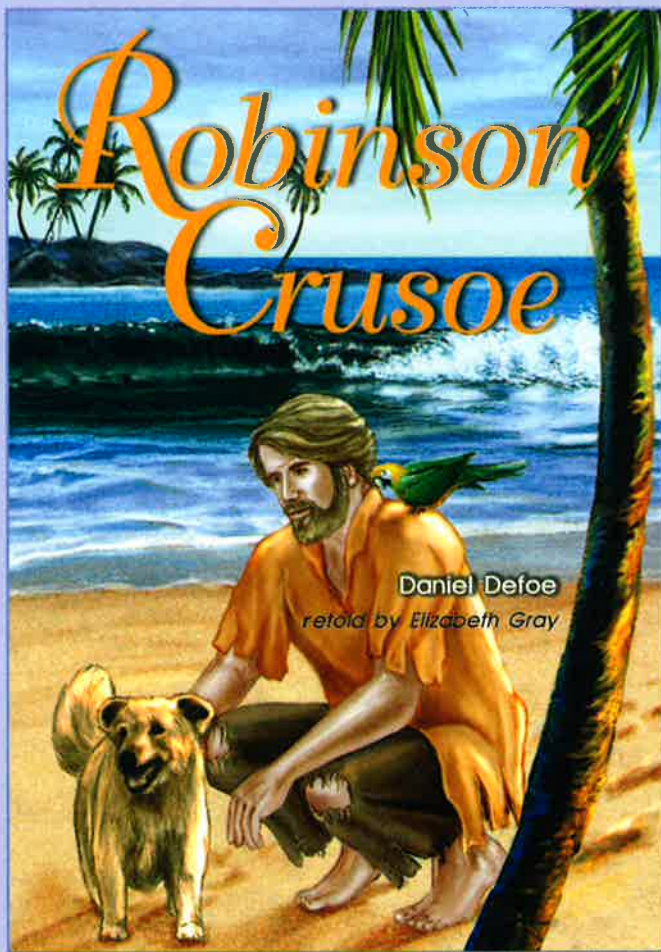


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Introductory Lesson

For teachers' inspection ONLY

Before reading:

- 1 Look at the cover of the book. In pairs, try to answer the following questions.
 - a. What kind of place can you see in the picture?
 - b. What is the man wearing?
 - c. What animals can you see in the picture?
 - d. Have you been to a place like this?
- 2 Now read the blurb on the back cover. Who is telling the story? Where is he? Is there anybody else with him? Why is he on the island?
- 3 This message was found in a bottle. Try to guess the meaning of the words in bold.

Dear Anybody,

I am on a **desert** island somewhere in the Caribbean Sea. I am on **my own** here and have nobody to talk to. There are many **dangers** on the island and I **have a hard life**. I only have a dog and a parrot to keep me company. I wanted to become a **sailor** and see the **world**, but I was very **unlucky** at sea. Now, I can't leave the island. If anybody finds this letter, please **help** me.

Robinson Crusoe

- 4 Read about Daniel Defoe and answer the questions.

Daniel Defoe

Daniel Defoe was born in London, England, in 1660. He became a businessman and travelled around the world a lot. He started writing novels at the age of 59.

His first and most famous novel was 'Robinson Crusoe', and it is actually based on the true story of Alexander Selkirk who found himself alone on a desert island. Other famous novels are 'Moll Flanders' and 'Roxana'. They are all about people who are in difficult situations and struggled through life to survive either physically or spiritually.

Daniel Defoe lived many years ago but even today it is a pleasure to read his novels. He was a great writer and he is often called the father of the English novel. He died in London, in 1731, at the age of 71.

- 1 Where and when was he born?
- 2 When did he start writing novels?
- 3 What is 'Robinson Crusoe' based on?
- 4 Which other famous novels did he write?
- 5 What are his novels about?
- 6 What is he called?
- 7 When did he die?

I Leave Home

I. Listening



Listen to the cassette and tick True or False.

- 1 Robinson was born in England.
- 2 Robinson was not interested in sailing.
- 3 His father didn't want Robinson to sail.
- 4 Robinson was nineteen years old.
- 5 He went to sea and left his parents.

True	False

II. Comprehension questions

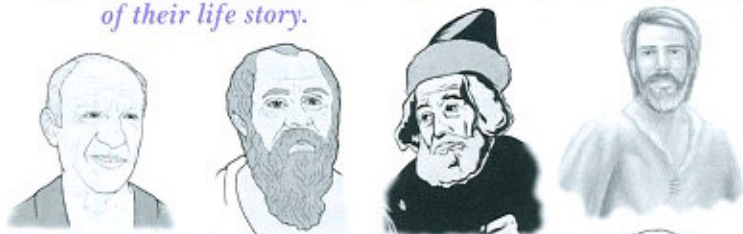
- 1 When was Robinson born?
- 2 What was Robinson interested in?
- 3 Why does Robinson want to go to sea?
- 4 Why did he talk to his mother?
- 5 What does his father think he will be if he becomes a sailor?

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 What might some of the dangers be if Robinson goes to sea?
- 2 What job would you like to have?
- 3 Who do you talk to about your ideas?
- 4 Do you listen to your parents' advice? Why/Why not?

IV. Activities

- A Match the names with their jobs. Then find the beginning of their life story.



- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Pablo Picasso |
| 2 | Socrates |
| 3 | Marco Polo |
| 4 | Robinson Crusoe |
| 5 | Amadeus Mozart |
| 6 | Indira Gandhi |

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| a | sailor |
| b | politician |
| c | composer |
| d | philosopher |
| e | painter |
| f | explorer |



- A He was born in Italy, in the city of Venice, in 1254. He was interested in travelling.
 B He was born in Austria, in the city of Strazburg, in 1756. He was interested in music.
 C He was born in England, in the city of York, in 1632. He was interested in sailing.
 D He was born in Spain, in the city of Malaga, in 1881. He was interested in art.
 E She was born in India, in the city of Allahabad, in 1917. She was interested in politics.
 F He was born in Greece, in the city of Athens, in 470 BC. He was interested in philosophy.

1 2 3 4 5 6

- B Now write the beginning of your life story.

I

- C Decide which of these sentences are advantages and disadvantages of being a sailor.

- a spend months or years away from home and family
 b no privacy
 c do something different and exciting
 d hard physical work
 e discover new countries
 f see lots of exotic places
 g no fresh food
 h work together as a team
 i learn about different sea creatures
 j violent storms could sink the ship
 k learn how to survive in difficult situations
 l attacks from pirates

- D Now talk to the class. Say why you would/wouldn't like to have been a sailor in the 17th century.

