

# Treasure Island

This text is based on Chapter 12 of the book 'Treasure Island'.

Jim Hawkins is a young boy who finds an old pirate's treasure map. He sets off with a ship and a crew to find the treasure. On the ship, he overhears that Long John Silver is planning to take all of the treasure for himself. Jim is about to tell the captain when someone shouts that they can see an island ahead.

The crew gathered on the deck and pointed at the island. "Have any of you ever seen that land before?" asked the captain.

"I have, sir," replied Long John Silver. "I've visited it before when I was working on another ship."

"Can you remember anything about it?" said the captain while looking into a telescope.

Silver nodded, "It used to be visited by lots of pirates. They called it Skeleton Island." He continued, "You see that hill there? They called that Spy-Glass because it's where they looked out for other ships." The crew looked and saw a huge hill that was covered by clouds.



Captain Smollett pulled something from his pocket and opened it up. Silver recognised it as a map of the island and felt a rush of excitement. However, he felt disappointed when he couldn't see a big, red cross. This wasn't the treasure map that he was looking for. "This is a very detailed map," he said slowly. "Pirates definitely didn't make this."

Silver pointed at the edge of the map, "There it is. Captain Kidd's Anchorage. That's a safe place to leave the ship."

“Excellent,” said Captain Smollett. “You can go now.” Silver moved away and walked towards Jim. The young boy felt scared. Maybe the pirate knew that he had overheard his plans. Silver stopped and put a hand on Jim’s shoulder. “It’s lovely, this island – perfect for a lad like you to visit. In fact, I’m sure there’s lots of exploring that you could do in those hills.” A nasty grin spread across his face and Jim started to shake. Maybe Silver did know something after all.



# Questions

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  - Captain Smollett
  - Captain Flint
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  - Silver said, "They called it Skeleton Island."
  - Silver stopped and put a hand on Jim's shoulder.
  - The crew gathered on the deck.
- Which of these words is a synonym for 'scared'? Tick one.
  - excited
  - disappointed
  - curious
  - frightened
- Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Jim Hawkins...

had a map in his pocket.

Captain Smollett...

has visited skeleton Island  
before.

Long John Silver...

overheard Long John  
Silver's plans.

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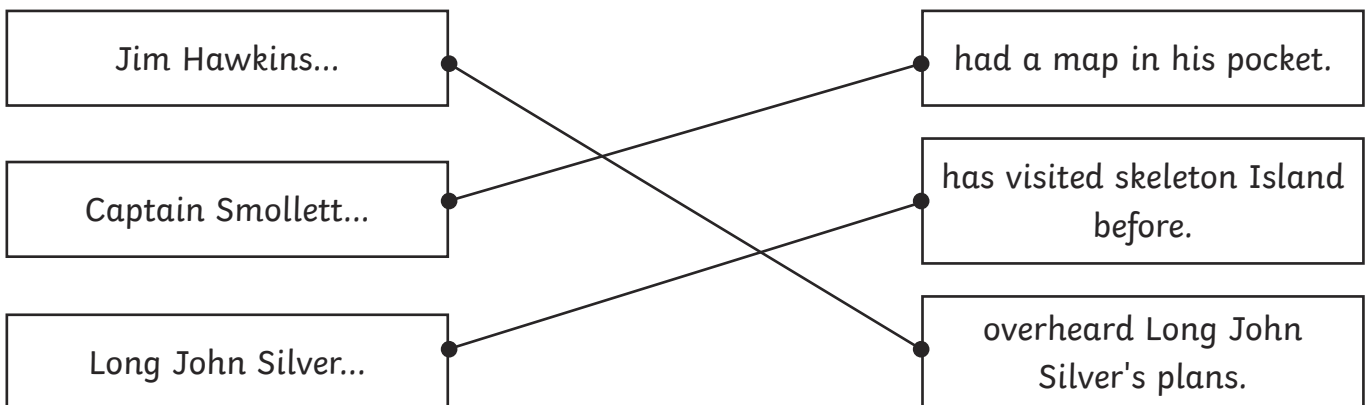
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- Why was Jim scared when Long John Silver walked towards him?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: Jim felt scared because he was worried that Silver knew that he had overheard his plans.**
- Why are inverted commas used throughout the text?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: Inverted commas are used throughout the text to show that a character is speaking.**

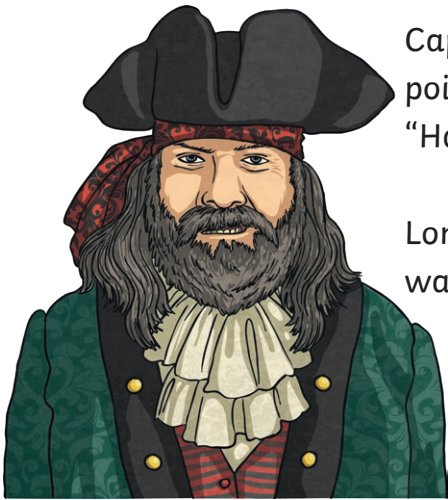
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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Long John Silver will try to get rid of Jim when the crew lands on Skeleton Island so that he can go and find the treasure himself.**

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After finding a map that used to belong to a pirate (Captain Flint), Jim Hawkins sets off to look for the treasure. While onboard the ship, Jim overhears one of the crew members, Long John Silver, talking about his plans to take the treasure for himself. Jim is about to warn the captain when someone shouts that they can see land ahead.



Captain Smollett gathered the crew on the deck and pointed at the island that had appeared in the distance. "Have any of you ever seen that land before?" he asked.

Long John Silver replied in a rough voice, "I have, sir. I was a cook on a ship that landed here once."

"Can you remember anything about it?" replied the captain. He turned away from Silver to look back at the island.

"Yes, sir. It used to be a main meeting point for pirates. They called it Skeleton Island." Pointing at the greatest hill, Silver continued, "You see that hill there? They called that Spy-Glass because it's where they kept a lookout." The crew followed Silver's gaze and saw a vast, shadowy hill that was surrounded by clouds.

Captain Smollett pulled a chart from his pocket and spread it out on the deck. Silver's eyes grew wide at the sight of the map. However, when he saw that there was no big, red cross that would show him where to find the treasure, he felt disappointed. 'Not to worry,' he thought to himself. Captain Flint's treasure map is onboard somewhere. I'll find it soon enough. Bringing himself back to reality, Silver leant in for a closer look.

“This is a very detailed map, sir,” he said slowly. “Pirates definitely didn’t make this but I wonder who did.” Silver paused before pointing at a section on the map. “There it is. Captain Kidd’s Anchorage. That’s where you want to head for.”

“Excellent,” said Captain Smollett. “I’ll call you if I have any further questions.” With that, Silver moved away.



As Silver moved closer to Jim, the young boy felt scared. Surely, the pirate didn’t know that he had overheard the plans. Suddenly, Silver put a hand on Jim’s shoulder. “It’s lovely, this island. Perfect for a lad like you to visit. In fact, I’m sure the cook would even make you a snack to take with you when you’re exploring.” He squeezed Jim’s shoulder and a nasty grin spread across his face. As the pirate walked away, Jim could feel himself shaking. Maybe Silver did know something after all.



# Questions

1. Who has visited Skeleton Island before? Tick one.

- Jim Hawkins  
 Long John Silver  
 Captain Smollett  
 nobody - it's a deserted island

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- Silver notices that there is no red cross on the captain's map.  
 Captain Smollett thanks Silver and sends him away.  
 Jim overhears Silver talking about his plans for the treasure.  
 Jim finds an old pirate's treasure map.

3. **...Jim could feel himself shaking. Maybe Silver did know something after all.**

How is Jim feeling at this point in the story? Tick one.

- scared  
 excited  
 angry  
 happy

4. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.

Jim Hawkins...

used to own the map that Jim now has.

Captain Smollett...

wants to warn the captain about Silver.

Captain Flint...

plans to keep the treasure to himself.

Long John Silver...

gathered all of the crew on the deck.

5. Who wrote the book 'Treasure Island'?

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6. Look at the paragraph beginning, **"Yes, sir. It used to be..."**  
Find and copy one word that means the same as **covered**.

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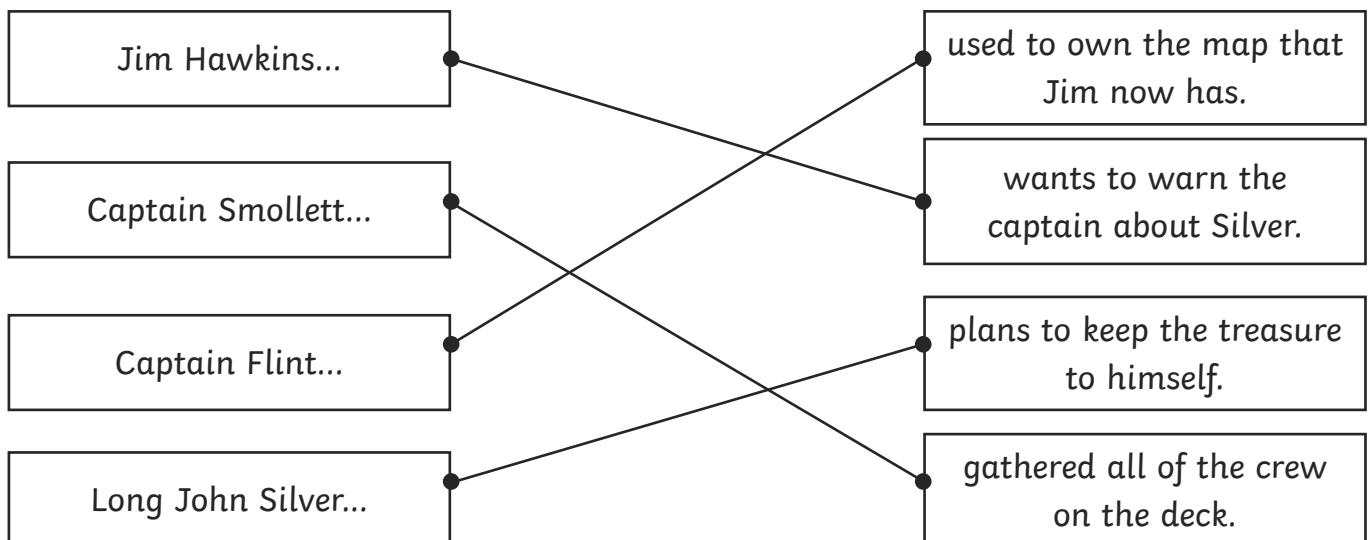
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**surrounded**

7. Describe Long John Silver's character.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Long John Silver is sneaky because he's pretending to help everyone but he wants to take all of the treasure for himself.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: The crew finally see land and Silver shows the captain where to take the ship. Silver then talks to Jim and makes him feel scared.**

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After finding a map that leads to the treasure of the infamous pirate Captain Flint, Jim Hawkins sets sail for a distant island. While on the voyage, Jim overhears one of the crew members, Long John Silver, talking about how he plans to take Flint's treasure for himself. Jim is about to warn the captain when someone shouts, "Land ho!"



The entire crew had gathered on the deck. "Now, men," said the captain, pointing at the island in the distance. "Have any of you ever seen that land before?"

Long John Silver walked forward, "I have, sir," he said in a rough voice. "I was a cook on a ship that landed here a while back."

"Can you remember anything about it? The south side looks like the best place to try and take our ship," replied the captain. He turned away from Silver to peer back at the island which was growing closer with each passing minute.

"Yes, sir. Skeleton Island they call it. It was the main place for pirates once." Pointing at the largest hill on the island, Silver continued, "You see that hill there? They called that Spy-Glass because it's where they kept a lookout for any unwanted visitors." The crew followed Silver's gaze – surrounded by clouds, the hill was an ominous sight.

With this new information, Captain Smollett pulled a chart from his pocket and unfurled it on the deck. Silver's eyes glittered with excitement at the sight of the map. However, disappointment set in when he saw that it lacked the big, red cross that would show him where to find the treasure. 'No matter', he thought



to himself. 'Captain Flint's treasure map is sure to be onboard somewhere – I'll find it in good time.' Shaking himself back to reality, Silver leant forward for a closer look.

"This is a very meticulous map, sir," he drawled. "It's far too nice to have been created by pirates." Silver paused for a moment before pointing at an inlet on the neatly drawn map, "Aye, there it is. Captain Kidd's Anchorage – that's where you want to head for."

"Right you are," said Captain Smollett. "Feel free to go now. I'll call you if I have any further need." With that, Silver moved away – his wooden crutch tapping against the deck.



As Silver drew closer to Jim, the young boy shuddered. Surely, the pirate didn't know that he had overheard the plans. As if sensing Jim's uncertainty, Silver stopped and put a hand on his shoulder. "It's a sweet spot, this island – perfect for a lad to stay ashore on. You'll sunbathe, climb trees and even explore those hills. In fact, I'm sure the cook would happily make you a snack to take with you." He squeezed Jim's shoulder and a wicked grin washed across his face. As the pirate walked away, Jim wiped the beads of sweat from his forehead: maybe Silver knew something after all.

# Questions

1. **Jim is about to warn the captain when someone shouts, "Land ho!"**

Choose the definition that is closest in meaning to the expression **land ho!** Tick one.

- I want to go home!  
 We've landed!  
 Where is the land?  
 I can see land!

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- Jim overhears Silver's plans to take the treasure.  
 Jim and the crew set sail for a distant island.  
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3. **...surrounded by clouds, the hill was an ominous sight.**

What does the word **ominous** mean?

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4. Fill in the missing words.

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6. Compare how Jim is feeling at the start of the text to how Jim is feeling at the end of the text.

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7. Do you think that Silver knows about Jim overhearing his plans to take the treasure for himself? Tick one.

yes    no

Explain your choice.

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**4** Silver tells Captain Smollett where to head for.

3. **...surrounded by clouds, the hill was an ominous sight.**

What does the word **ominous** mean?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The word ominous means that the hill looks gloomy.**

4. Fill in the missing words.

Silver paused for a moment before pointing at an **inlet**  
 on the neatly drawn **map**.

5. Why was Silver disappointed?

**Accept one of the following: Silver was disappointed because Captain Smollett's map didn't have a big, red cross on it; Silver was disappointed because it wasn't Captain Flint's map.**

6. Compare how Jim is feeling at the start of the text to how Jim is feeling at the end of the text.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: At the start of the text, Jim is feeling worried about Long John Silver and is about to warn the captain. At the end, Jim is feeling scared because he thinks that Silver might know about him overhearing him talking.**

7. Do you think that Silver knows about Jim overhearing his plans to take the treasure for himself? Tick one.

**Accept either a 'yes' or a 'no' response provided that a full explanation is given.**

Explain your choice.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I think that Silver does know about Jim overhearing him because the text says that 'a wicked grin washed across his face'. This shows that he is mad at Jim about something.**

8. Look at the paragraph beginning **After finding a map that leads...**

Explain why you think that the author chose to include this paragraph.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author chose to include this paragraph to explain what has happened since the start of the book. This extract comes from Chapter 12 so we need to know what has happened so far.**