



Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson



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Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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Notes About This Story

The Author

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in November 1850. *Treasure Island* is one of his most famous stories. His other stories include *Kidnapped*, *The Black Arrow*, *The Strange Case Of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, and *The Master of Ballantrae*.

Stevenson was ill for much of his life. He went to live in the South Pacific because the weather was warm there. He died in Samoa in December 1894.

The Book

The story takes place in the middle of the eighteenth century. It is the story of pirates who stole treasure from ships in the Caribbean. These pirates buried the treasure on an island. The pirates were cruel and violent. They all wanted the treasure. They fought and killed each other.

Treasure Island is not a true story. Captain Flint and Long John Silver were not real pirates. *Treasure Island* is not a real place. But there were pirates in many parts of the world in the eighteenth century.

There were pirates in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the China Seas. Ships went from South America to Spain. These ships carried gold, silver and goods across the Caribbean. And they were often attacked by pirates. The pirates killed the sailors and stole everything in the ships.

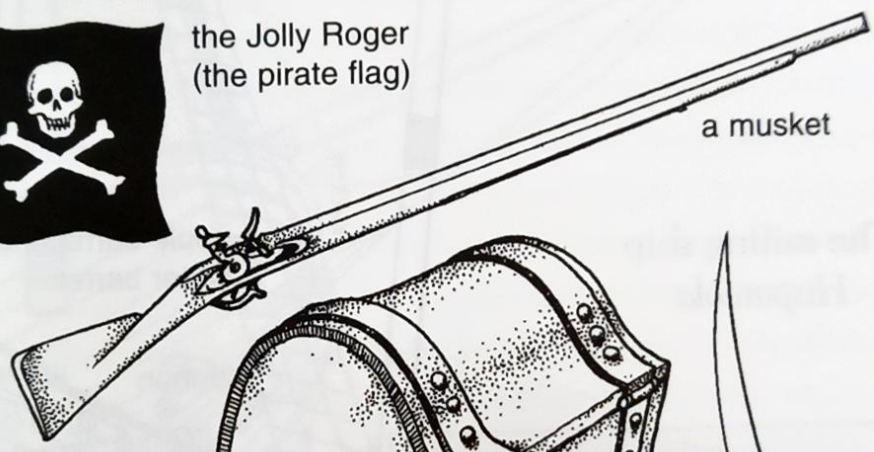
Some famous pirates were Captain Henry Morgan,

Blackbeard and Mary Read. They were cruel and violent people. Pirates were often hanged if they were caught.

People always enjoy stories about pirates. There are many books and films about pirates. Some of the stories are true and some of them are not true. All of them are exciting! *Treasure Island* is one of the most famous stories.

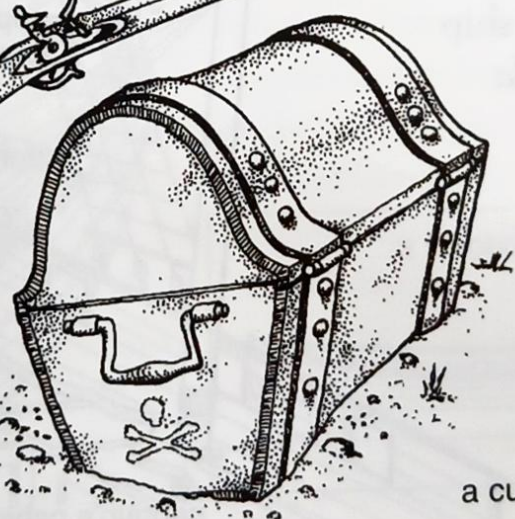


the Jolly Roger
(the pirate flag)



a musket

a sea-chest

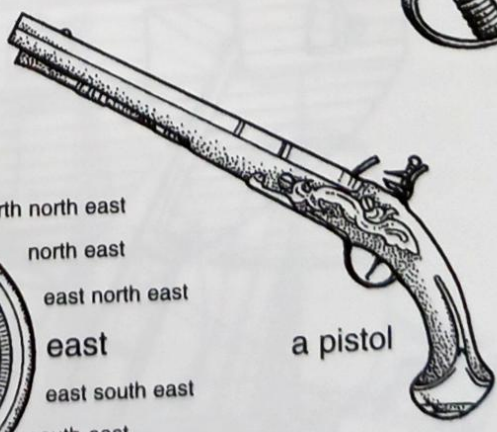
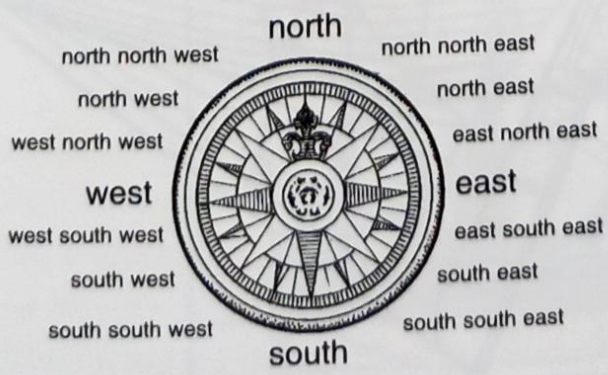


pieces of eight



a cutlass

a compass



a pistol

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