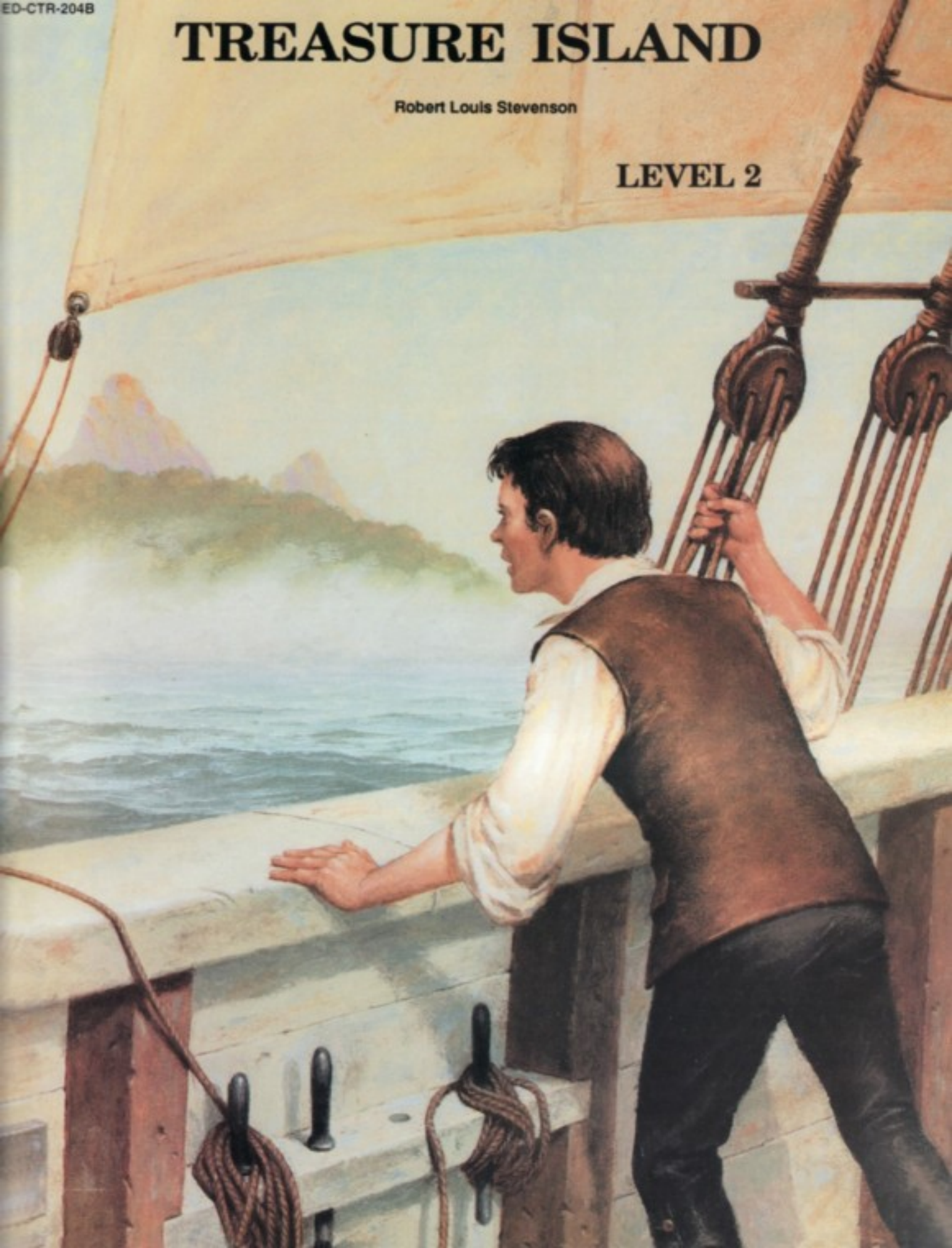


TREASURE ISLAND

Robert Louis Stevenson

LEVEL 2



WORDS USED

Story 31

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Story 33

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KEY WORDS

ago
leg
sea
stories
terrible
watch

answered
eyes
myself
quiet
shook
wild

angry
careful
exciting
remember
secret
wonder

ahead
believe
clever
join
kill
might

climb
cried
fight
roar
taken
through

NECESSARY WORDS

blind
cutlass
dead
fifteen
rum

crutch

bush
enjoy
fever
nineteen
pirate
spot

beach
knife
safely

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY



When the captain had too much to drink, he would frighten everyone in the inn with stories about what happened on his ships.

Preview:

1. Read the name of the story.
2. Look at the picture carefully.
3. Read the sentence under the picture.
4. Read the first paragraph of the story.
5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that this story is about

- a. life on an island.
- b. a hidden treasure.
- c. a strong captain.
- d. a happy family.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to find out about some strange things happening at the Admiral Benbow Inn.

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY

I am Jim Hawkins. Let me tell you the story of Treasure Island from beginning to end. The only thing I won't tell you is how to find this place. You see, treasure is still hidden there.

Long ago, a tall man of the sea came to stay at our Admiral Benbow Inn. Captain Bill, as we came to call him, had a deep cut across his face. He kept a large sea chest in his room. By day, he would look out over the sea and watch for a man with one leg. At night, he would drink rum. When he was drinking rum, he would tell us stories about the sea. He liked to frighten us all with terrible stories about hangings. He would sing at the top of his voice:

FIFTEEN MEN ON
A DEAD MAN'S CHEST
YO HO HO AND
A BOTTLE OF RUM.

It was during that long, cold winter that my dad became sick. My mom took care of him. I took care of the Inn. One morning, a seaman, with two fingers missing on his left hand,

called to me, "Sonny, is my mate Bill here?" Before I could answer, he pushed me behind the door. Then he watched like a cat for a mouse.

At last, the captain came. As he gave the door a push, the strange man called, "Bill, it's your mate from long ago."

"Black Dog," Captain Bill said in a whisper.

A minute later, their talking became angry shouts. Bill took a swing at the man with his cutlass. He hit the sign above the Inn's door. In a flash, Black Dog ran off.

"Jim, I need rum," cried the captain, as he fell to the floor.

It was late evening when the captain woke up. I told him how Dr. Livesay had saved his life.

"Never mind," he shouted as he tried to roll on his side. "If Flint or the man with one leg finds me, I'll be given the Black Spot."

Then, right in the middle of everything, my poor sick father passed away suddenly. It wasn't until later

that week that I found out the secret of the Black Spot.

I was sitting outside on a rock feeling bad about my father. A sorry man came up beside me. He couldn't see. He was blind. He asked, "Where am I Mate?"

"The Admiral Benbow Inn," I answered, as I took his hand. He quickly pushed my arm behind my back until it hurt.

"Now," he said in a terrible voice, "take me to the captain!"

As we went into the Inn, I knew it was not a happy surprise for Captain Bill.

"The time has come Bill," the clever man said, as he gave him a small piece of paper and left quickly.

Bill opened his hand and cried, "Ten o'clock!" He was so afraid that he tried to jump up and run. I heard him make a strange noise. There was nothing I could do. Then he fell to the floor, and the life went out of his body for good.

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. Who is telling us this story?
 - a. Admiral Benbow
 - b. Jim Hawkins, the son of the Inn's owner
 - c. The captain
 - d. A man with one leg
2. Locked away in his room, the captain kept
 - a. a tiny dog.
 - b. fifteen men.
 - c. a large sea chest.
 - d. a radio.
3. By day, the captain would look out over the sea and watch for
 - a. a man with one leg.
 - b. rain.
 - c. the sun to come up.
 - d. Admiral Benbow.
4. The captain would frighten everyone with stories about
 - a. the circus.
 - b. the zoo.
 - c. the Admiral Benbow.
 - d. hangings.
5. One day, the captain took a swing with his cutlass at
 - a. Black Dog.
 - b. Jim.
 - c. Jim's mom.
 - d. Sonny.
6. The captain told Jim that if Flint or the man with one leg finds him, he will be given
 - a. a new car.
 - b. the Black Spot.
 - c. a lot of money.
 - d. another bottle of rum.
7. After the blind man gave a small piece of paper to the captain,
 - a. the captain died.
 - b. they shook hands.
 - c. they sat down together.
 - d. the captain went to get his chest.
8. The captain came to the Inn to
 - a. find some treasure.
 - b. hide from someone.
 - c. eat dinner and sing.
 - d. meet a friend.
9. Another name for this story could be
 - a. "Great Happenings."
 - b. "My Friend Flint."
 - c. "A Good Feeling."
 - d. "The Captain's Secret."
10. This story is mainly about
 - a. Admiral Benbow.
 - b. Jim Hawkins.
 - c. Flint.
 - d. Captain Bill.

Preview Answer:

b. a hidden treasure.

Check your answers with the Comprehension Check Key on page 67.