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Follow Your Dreams

'We've got our redundancy money... and the car money. Not a fortune, but enough. What to do with it? I could put it all in the bank, like the others did. But what for? Just to watch it dribble away till there was nothing left? Or, I thought, or I could do something really special with it, a once-in-a-lifetime thing.' (Ch.1)



Michael's father chooses to buy a yacht so the family can sail around the world.

What would you do with the money and WHY?

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Water, Water Everywhere

Sea water, rain water- all of it is wet. I spent most of the time soaked to the skin.' (Ch.2)



Write 5 super similes to describe Michael's experiences at sea at the beginning of the voyage...

Example: Michael's clothes clung to him like soggy velcro.

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Amazing Adjectives

'Strong breeze, blue sky, and warm sun to dry things out.' (Ch.3)



Can you think of your own AMAZING ADJECTIVES to replace the ones in this sentence, and improve it?

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Glossary Challenge

Chapter 4 is full of exciting, engaging and ambitious vocabulary!



impenetrable

crescendo

sparsely

surreptitious

buoyancy

laboriously

mellifluous

plaintive

inquisitive



Look up these words, and others you can find, in a **dictionary**, and use the definitions to make your own **glossary**. Try to write down the meanings in your own words.

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Difficult Dialogue

Can you put the missing speech punctuation back into this passage from Chapter 5?



Americajin? Americajin? American? Eikokujin? British?
Yes, I said relieved to have understood something at last.
English, I'm English.
It seemed a struggle for him to get the words out. No good.
Fire no good. You understand? No fire. He seemed less angry now.
But my mother, my father, they might see it, see the smoke. It was plain he didn't understand me. So I pointed out to sea, by way of explanation. Out there. They're out there. They'll see the fire. They'll come and fetch me.



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Super Synonyms

'Dejected and depressed I may have been, but I was angry too, and gradually this anger fuelled in me a new determination to escape, and this determination revived my spirits.' (Ch.6)



A **synonym** is a word with the same meaning as another.

Find as many synonyms as can for **Michael's feelings** in Chapter 6.

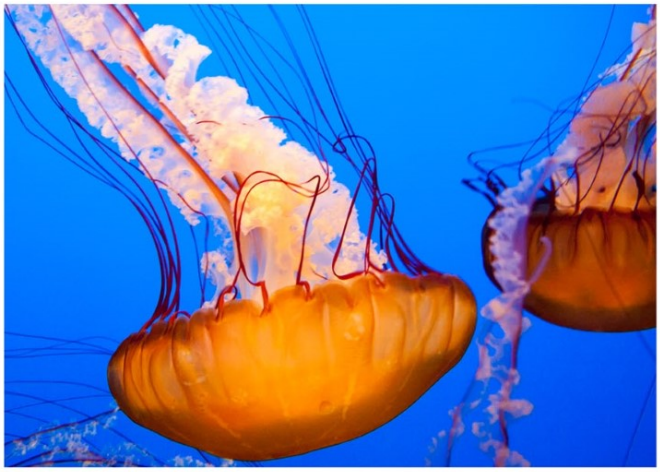
You can use a thesaurus to help!

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Jellyfish Attack!

'I was lying on a sleeping mat covered in a sheet up to my chin. I tried to sit up to look about me, but I could not move...' (Ch.7)



Complete Michael's description of what happened to him in the sea, and how he feels as he wakes up.

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Life Story

'Now I tell you everything, Micasan.' (Ch.8)



While they are fishing, Kensuke tells Michael all about his life in Japan and how he came to the island. Can you write your own life story, using a maximum of 3 paragraphs?

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Getting On & Falling Out

'There fell between us a long and aching silence. Kensuke never once reproached me for what I had done. He was not angry or sullen at me. But I knew that I had hurt him to the soul. It wasn't that we didn't speak – we did – but we no longer talked to one another as we had before. We lived each of us in our separate cocoons, quite civil, always polite, but not together any more.' (Ch. 8)



Write about a time when you had a falling out with a friend or a member of your family.

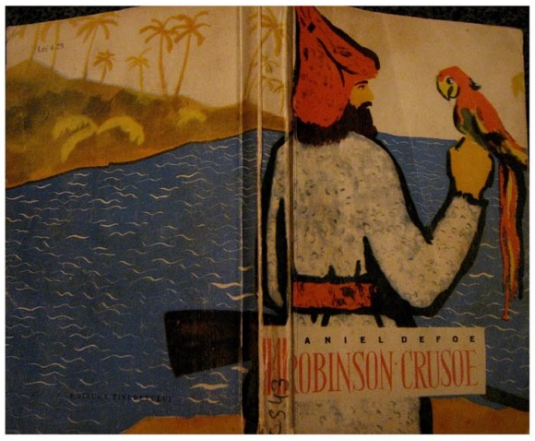
What happened and why?
How did you both feel?
How did you sort it out in the end?

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Cover Story

There have been several published editions of Kensuke's Kingdom.



This edition of Robinson Crusoe might give you some ideas!

Can you design your own cover for the book?
Think about the characters and events that you found most interesting and engaging.

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