

# Robinson CRUSOE



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## Something about the author:

Daniel Defoe was born in 1660 but his birthdate and birthplace is unknown. His original name was Daniel Foe but later he added De to his name as a symbol of nobility or aristocracy. He worked as an English trader, journalist, writer and even as a secret spy. During his life he wrote more than 500 books, essays and also pamphlets which got him to the prison. He is considered to be “the father of English novel” (novel = román). He started to write *Robinson Crusoe* book when he was almost 60. Probably he was inspired by the story of Alexander Selkirk, the Scotch sailor, who spent some time (almost 4 years) on a deserted island when his boat was shipwrecked on the sea. This is Bunhill Fields Cemetery in Islington, north London, where John Bunyan, Daniel Defoe and William Blake (famous British writers and poets) are buried:



Zdroj: <http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2011/feb/22/bunhill-fields-bunyan-defoe-blake>

## Comprehension questions:

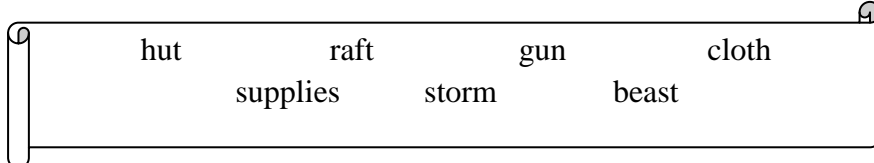
1. Daniel Defoe was born in London. T/F
2. He wanted his name to look better so he changed it a little bit. T/F
3. Robinson Crusoe is a book about Defoe's life. T/F
4. He was like a James Bond – he was an agent during his life. T/F
5. He lived in 17th century. T/F
6. He was a young man when he wrote the book about the sailor. T/F
7. Where in London can you find his grave? .....
8. What does “deserted island” mean. Explain it in English?  
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**Reading Activities: Robinson CRUSOE**

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**1. Listen carefully to the text : “I acquire many things“ (aquire=ziskat)**

In the text you will hear following words. Find their definitions.



**Definitions:**

A strong wind with a speed of 80 – 105 km per hour accompanied by heavy rain or snow, and often by thunder and lightning. ....

A portable weapon used for firing bullets or projectiles. ....

Material which is formed by knitting, weaving, pressing of either natural or synthetic fibers. ....

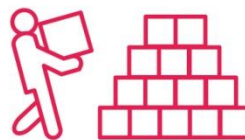
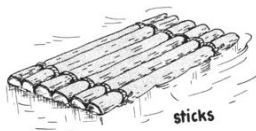
A small house or shelter, usually made of wood, metal or leaves. ....

An animal which is not human or civilized, but rather cruel. ....

A flat structure made of wooden sticks which float on the water and is used for transport of various things. ....

Things stored at a certain place which can be taken when needed. ....

**2. Match the pictures describing words from exercise 1.**

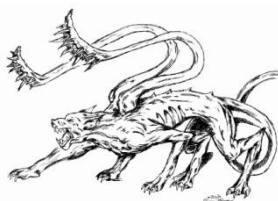


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**3. Answer the questions.**

1 How did Crusoe transport food and supplies from the ship?

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2 What did he discover when he climbed a hill to see where he was?

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3 From the ship he took as many things as he could. Name at least 3 of them. If you remember you can write more than 3.

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4 There are some animals mentioned in the story. Do you remember which ones?

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5 Crusoe found a box of ..... on the ship. What did he do with it?

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**4. Write an essay:**



„If I were a Robinson Crusoe what would  
I take (3 things) with me on a deserted island  
and why?“

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**5. If - conditionals. Prepíš vety na podmienkové (the first conditional = reálna podmienka) podľa vzoru.**



*Example:* I am nervous and I don't eat breakfast. I will be nervous if I don't eat breakfast.

1. Crusoe climbs the hill and he sees where he is.

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2. He has a friend and he doesn't feel miserable.

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3. He is hungry and he finds some food.

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4. He doesn't build a hut and he has no place to sleep.

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5. Jane sleeps longer and she misses her train.

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6. I leave the map at home and we get lost in the woods.

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7. We don't study for the test and we don't pass.

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8. I eat too much chocolate and I am sick.

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9. They can stay at home tomorrow and they are very happy.

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**6. Prelož podmienkové vety z predchádzajúceho cvičenia.**

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## Zdroje

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