

Lost Treasure

"Land, ho, Captain!"

Captain Redbeard looked out over the ship's bow. A small island could be seen over the horizon. He looked down at the faded and wrinkled map in his hands. If the map was right, then he and his crew were just hours away from acquiring a treasure beyond their wildest dreams.

"Stay on course!" the captain called out. Every member of the crew was alert and eager to reach the destination. When there was treasure at stake, pirates paid attention. Of course, if the map was wrong, Redbeard knew he'd have an unhappy crew on his hands.

They sailed across the sparkling blue water until they were a few hundred yards away from shore. According to the map, the treasure was hidden in a cave on the island's east coast. Redbeard barked out directions. "Steer her starboard, lads! We'll anchor outside the inlet and lower the boats!"

The pirates sprang into action. They sailed around the coast of the island. Redbeard saw an inlet cove tucked inside the island's shore, just as the map showed. They anchored the boat and lowered three rowboats. Captain Redbeard climbed into the first one, along with three other pirates. The pirates rowed the boat, leading the way into the inlet. The water narrowed and led into a cave carved inside the island's rocky shore.

"The treasure awaits us! It will be a fine sight to see!" Redbeard said. The cave was cold and dark. A few feet away Redbeard could make out something glittering on a rocky shelf—the treasure! "Let's grab it, lads!" he cried.

Then the water around them began to churn. A giant octopus rose up in front of them, thrashing its tentacles. The boat nearly tipped over. Redbeard quickly tried to think of a plan. The map hadn't said anything about a giant octopus!

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“Lost Treasure” Questions

- _____ 1. Where do Captain Redbeard and the pirates find the treasure?
- on a cliff
 - on the island’s west coast
 - on the shore
 - in the cave
- _____ 2. What does it mean when the author writes that the “pirates sprang into action”?
- The pirates hesitated to sail towards the island.
 - The pirates started to swim towards the island’s shore.
 - The pirates jumped up and down with excitement.
 - The pirates moved quickly to sail around the island.
- _____ 3. What motivates the actions of Captain Redbeard and his crew in the story?
- the desire to become famous
 - the hope of finding gold
 - the hope of finding an octopus
 - the fear of getting lost
- _____ 4. What is a major event in the story?
- Captain Redbeard gives directions to the crew.
 - The ship sails across the water towards the island’s inlet.
 - The giant octopus appears in the cave.
 - The crew anchors the boat and lowers three rowboats.
- _____ 5. Imagine you could write a different ending for this story. What would your ending be? Explain why you have chosen this ending.



Making Inferences

1. Your mother-in-law invites you to lunch. During the lunch at a fancy restaurant, all she talks about is how concerned she is about her finances.

What will your mother-in-law expect you to do when the waiter brings the bill?

- a. pay your half of the bill
- b. pay the whole bill
- c. pay the gratuity

What do you think your mother-in-law really meant to communicate to you?

- a. that she would like some help financially
- b. that she likes to complain about money
- c. that she wants to sell her house and move to a different city

2. A person you sit next to at work keeps talking about how she'd like to celebrate her wedding anniversary, but she can't find anyone to baby-sit for her two children.

Why do you think she keeps talking about this?

- a. She likes to talk about her kids.
- b. She wants to be your friend.
- c. She wants to find a baby-sitter.

What do you think she really wants you to do?

- a. just sit and listen to her
- b. offer to baby-sit
- c. offer to find a baby-sitter

3. You've just finished a delicious dinner you and your spouse cooked together. You have several guests and they get up to help you in the kitchen. When you've finished, you all gather to relax. One guest says, "Gee, I really have a sweet tooth."

What does this guest mean?

- a. She has a toothache.
- b. She likes sweets.
- c. Her dog is named Sweet Tooth.

You haven't served dessert yet. What do you think this guest really means?

- a. She'd like some dessert.
- b. She saw dessert on the counter.
- c. She is offering to make some coffee.



Making Inferences

4. You have several friends who smoke. You'd like them to quit. You often send them articles about smoking or tell them about a documentary you watched, but you've never mentioned to them how much their smoking bothers you.

What do your friends think about the articles you send and the conversations you have?

- a. You are a nice person with many interests.
- b. You are thinking about smoking, too.
- c. You are concerned about their smoking habit.

What do you think your friends will do now?

- a. They probably won't do anything.
- b. They'll quit just because you want them to.
- c. They'll ask you if you want to start smoking.

5. You're getting dressed for a party. Your wife comes into the bedroom and says, "Are you wearing *that* to the party?"

Why do you think your wife asked you that?

- a. She wants to dress in something that matches what you're wearing.
- b. She's not sure what you're wearing is appropriate.
- c. She likes what you're wearing.

What do you think your wife would like you to do?

- a. pick something else to wear
- b. ask her opinion about what you should wear
- c. just wear what you already have on

6. "Pretzel sure is whining a lot," you say to your daughter as the dog stands at the door.

What does your daughter think the comment about your dog probably means?

- a. Pretzel needs to go out.
- b. Pretzel is sad.
- c. Pretzel is a pest.

What do you think your daughter might say next?

- a. "Hey, who's Pretzel?"
- b. "Get Pretzel."
- c. "I'll take Pretzel out."