

Topic Home Learning Week 1 Block 6



Starter:

4. The voyage and the apple barrel

Watch: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-treasure-island-pt4/zbb9t39>

The *Hispaniola* sets sail for the Caribbean and the voyage is largely uneventful.

Jim becomes firm friends with Long John Silver and his parrot, which is named Captain Flint after the infamous pirate.

Neither Jim, Squire Trelawney, Dr Livesey or Captain Smollett has any inkling of the terrible truth about Long John Silver and his crew.

On the very evening that the *Hispaniola* arrives near the island marked by the treasure map, Jim reaches into an apple barrel on deck and then falls inside. Jim then listens in horror as Silver and the crew discuss how they intend to take control of the ship that night and murder Squire Trelawney.

At that moment the sailors spy land and in the commotion Jim slips away to warn the others that they are in immediate danger.

Reading task

Read the script for Episode 4 and answer the following questions:

- 1) How does Jim come to be friendly with Long John Silver?
- 2) Why is Long John Silver's parrot called Captain Flint?
- 3) How does Jim come to be inside the barrel?
- 4) Do you think Long John Silver has met the real Captain Flint? Why does he say that he hasn't?
- 5) Why is Long John Silver talking about the mutiny with the other sailors?
- 6) Why does Jim fear that he is going to be discovered? How does it happen that he is not discovered?
- 7) Jim and his friends hear singing on the deck. Why is the singing happening?

Answers

- 1) The pass time together in the ship's galley during the voyage.
- 2) After a famous pirate - the notorious Captain Flint.
- 3) Apples are stored in the barrel and he is trying to fish one out.
- 4) To be discussed - in reality, he has - but may not want Jim to know that he has in case Jim guesses his intention to seek the treasure.
- 5) He is trying to stop them from taking over the ship straight away - wanting to wait until they have arrived at the island.
- 6) Long John Silver asks one of the sailors to fetch an apple from the barrel, but the sailor is distracted by the news that the island has been spotted.
- 7) The pirates are raising the pirate flag, the Jolly Roger, as they intend to take over the ship.