While reading

Chapters 1–3
1 Name the four children in the story from eldest to youngest.

2 Match each verb with a noun.
   a feed 1) boat
   b sail 2) shellfish
   c cut 3) corn
   d make 4) fire
   e cook 5) meal
   f open 6) wood
   g find 7) shells
   h plant 8) animals

3 Put the letters in the right order to make words from Chapter 3.
   • a g r s u
   • e k m n o s y
   • d g o r s u
   • c c e e n o o r s t t u (two words)

Chapters 4–5
4 Complete these sentences.
   a The next morning my wife said ………. me.
   b ‘You must bring the animals ………. the ship.’
   c Go ………. Fritz.’
   d The rest of us will look ………. a place to build a home.’
   e I said, ‘We’ll have to stay ………. the ship all night.’
   f The animals on the ship were ………. good shape.
   g We found useful things ………. our life on the island.
   h I said, ‘We must think ………. the present.’
   i ‘I’ve seen a barrel ………. butter,’ said Fritz.
   j ‘We’ll think ………. the future later,’ I said.
   k But it’s always good to prepare ………. the future.
   l We didn’t know that ………. the time.
   m The next morning we had to take the animals ………. the land.
   n We couldn’t put them ………. the boat – they were too heavy.
   o So we made a boat ………. each animal.
   p We tied barrels ………. the animals.
   q The barrels held them up ………. the water.

5 In Chapter 5, the family has many problems but they think of good answers. Answer the following questions.
   a How can they get up the tree?
   b How can they get the donkey across the river?
   c What can they build a bridge with?
   d How can they carry everything to their new home?
   e How can they catch the chickens?
   f How can the pig get across the river? (It refuses to use the bridge.)

Chapters 6–8
6 Who said this? Why?
   a That was a good shot. …………
   b It wasn’t good. …………
   c Where are Ernest and Jack? …………
   d I’m very pleased about that. …………
   e That’s what I wanted for our lunch. …………
   f You found sugar and coconuts. …………
   g We were stupid not to take more than that. …………

7 Complete these words – they are all things they brought from the boat.
   a … n … m … ls
   b … tt … r
   c … lt m … … t
   d … dcl … th … s
   e … np … wd … r
   f … … ks

Chapters 9–11
8 Match each sentence (a–j) with a reply (1–10).
   a We’ll go now, and then we’ll spend another night on the ship.
   b Now, Fritz, what do we really need?
   c I want something to catch big fish.
   d You find a fishing line.
   e Shall I take the plough to the island?
   f There! That’s all.
   g You must make a hut for the tools and other large things.
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h  We won't need many huts.
i  We must build a wall round the garden.
j  Is this a sweet potato?
  1)  I can only think of one very small thing.
  2)  'No, No! Let's see if the fish is still with us.'
  3)  Oh, that's a lot of work.
  4)  Oh? Let's see. I think we'll have more animals soon.
  5)  We'll meet you with the sledge when you come back.
  6)  What will pull it?
  7)  Yes, and we must also make some huts for the animals.
  8)  Yes, but we can't eat fish and meat every day.
  9)  Yes, I remember watching one of the officers when he was fishing over the side of the boat.
 10)  Yes, it is.

Chapters 12–13

9  Correct five wrong facts in the following texts.
  When the donkey made a lot of noise, the buffaloes became angry. The family were in great danger so Mr and Mrs Robinson used their guns. They killed a buffalo and caught two old buffaloes. They were going to be very useful: buffalo meat is very good and buffaloes are very strong and can pull the sledge.

Chapters 14–15

10  Complete these sentences with words from the box.

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<th>air</th>
<th>cave</th>
<th>clothes</th>
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<th>fire</th>
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<th>head</th>
<th>hole</th>
<th>mouth</th>
<th>rock</th>
<th>room</th>
<th>salt</th>
<th>smoke</th>
<th>storms tools</th>
<th>trees</th>
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a  We were very pleased when the ………….. ended.
b  We came out of our dark, smelly …………..
c  'I can't live through another ………….. like that.' said my wife.
d  'I'm sure that the first men didn't live in ………….. like monkeys.'
e  'They lived in ………….. and we must find one too.'
f  I couldn't find a ………….. that was big enough.
g  I said, 'We can try to make one bigger but the ………….. is very hard.'
h  'Bring the ………….. and we'll try.'
i  One day Jack said, 'I've made a ………….. right through.'
j  We made the hole bigger and I put my ………….. in.
k  The ………….. was really bad.
l  We used some of our ………….. and the bad air came out.
m  We lit a ………….. and it burned brightly.
n  We made the ………….. of the cave bigger.
o  The walls of the cave were covered in …………..
p  We made another hole at the other ………….. of the cave and a hole for the fire.
q  We lit a fire and the ………….. went out of the cave.
r  'Now I can cook and dry your ………….. in winter,' my wife said.

11  Match the words (a–h) to the words (1–8).

a  sea
b  air

1)  baby
2)  canoe
3)  monkeys
4)  paddles
5)  paper
6)  plough
7)  sunlight
8)  trees

Chapters 16–17

12  Put these events from Fritz's story in order.

a  'Help!' it said. 'Sailor on smoking island.'
b  I sailed to the west of the island.
c  A piece of cloth was tied around its leg.
d  In the evening, I sat on the beach and had a meal.
e  I looked at the writing.
f  A big bird flew over me and I shot it.
g  I climbed up a hill on our island and saw the smoking island.
h  I found Jenny.
i  I went out to the smoking island and climbed up to the top.
j  I took my gun and some gunpowder, a fishing line and my knife.
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1 What did they use these things for? Match the name of the objects on the island and the actions. There are two extra actions.

- Barrels
- bamboo sticks
- shellfish
- sailcloth
- guns and gunpowder
- gourds
- dry grass
- bows and arrows

**a** To make beds
**b** To cook a meal
**c** To make a tent
**d** To shoot small birds and catch fish
**e** To sit on
**f** To make plates and a cooking pot
**g** To make a bridge
**h** To make a rope ladder
**i** To shoot dangerous men
**j** To make spoons

2 Choose the correct option.

**a** Father wanted to take some animals to the shore but he did not want to take the dogs because they …..
1) were too big
2) could hurt them
3) would eat too much

**b** Father did not want to give the chickens the corn they brought from the ship. He wanted to …..
1) make bread with it
2) plant it and make bread when it grew
3) give it to the pig and the donkey

**c** The baby monkey jumped on to Fritz’ back because …..
1) its mother was dead and it was afraid
2) it wanted to play
3) it was too tired to walk

**d** It was difficult to catch the chickens and put them in a bag. Mother’s idea was …..
1) to feed them first
2) to make them go into the tent and close it
3) to run after them more quickly

**e** The new place for the house was across a river and in a tree so they had to …..
1) make a bridge to cross the river and a ladder to climb the tree
2) leave the animals behind
3) stay in the tent

3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

**a** The Robinsons made a sledge to carry the wood they found on the beach.

**b** With the gardening tools from the ship, they could grow plants and have lots of different vegetables to eat.

**c** Fritz wanted to catch a big fish. His father caught one for him.

**d** Mr Wilkins was bringing his plough because he was moving to a new home.

**e** They didn’t want the fish to go bad so Mrs Robinson put it in a barrel with sand.

**f** They found a boat on the beach. They had to mend it.

**g** The family wanted to build a wall around their garden. They didn’t want the animals to eat their plants.

**h** The sweet potatoes tasted better than the potatoes.

**i** The pig was nowhere near the Tree House because she was looking for food in the forest.

**j** The Robinsons were going to bring bamboo from the beach.

4 Circle the right words.

**a** With the buffalo meat in salt, the family will have a lot of food for the **summer / winter**.

**b** Mr Robinson is always thinking of **today / the future**.

**c** The donkey comes back with another animal, similar but **smaller / bigger**.

**d** The family must work hard and get food for all their animals because the **rainy / dry** season is coming.

**e** In the big box on the beach there are **sailor’s clothes / fishing things**.

**f** It isn’t easy to fish when the sea is **stormy / quiet**.

**g** The family don’t light a fire in the Tree House because they can’t make a hole in the **roof / wall**.

**h** The Robinsons are more comfortable in the **higher / lower** room.

**i** The **boys / animals** mustn’t go into the Cave because the air is bad and dangerous.

**j** Mrs Robinson doesn’t want to wear the **sailor’s clothes / pearls**.