



Tinkers Island

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While reading

Pages 1–7

- 1 Choose the right name to complete the sentences.
thief policemen Jenny
Peter Stone Ned Bell Sam
 - a is Jenny's father.
 - b Ned Bell is
 - c The *Black Star*'s captain gives a job.
 - d A gives Sam a watch.
 - e Two do not listen to Jenny's story.
 - f Jenny asks, 'What's going to happen?'
- 2 Answer the questions.
 - a Read page 1. What has a man got in his hand?
 - b Read page 2. Does Jenny have a brother?
 - c Read page 4. What does Jenny see on a line above the street?
 - d Read page 5. Where does Jenny find Sam on the *Black Star*?
 - e Read page 6. Does Sam look tired?
- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.
 - 1 The Tinkers sell fruit and vegetables ...
 - 2 Jenny helps the cook ...
 - 3 The captain's keys are usually ...
 - 4 The Tinkers can hear nothing but the sea and wind ...
 - a next to the bed.
 - b in a small boat.
 - c in the market.
 - d on the *Black Star*.

Pages 8–15

- 4 Look at the pictures in the book. Circle the words that you can see in the pictures.
beach snake free coconuts bite ship
cook bird island trousers fish
- 5 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
 - a Sam and Jenny first look for food and water on the island.
 - b On the first night on the island the Tinkers sleep near a river.
 - c The Tinkers make their new house on the island.

- 6 Read the sentences. One word in every sentence is wrong. Underline the wrong word and write the right word.
 - a The Tinkers make a new house with grass and coconuts.
 - b Sam put a flag on the tree.
 - c On the island they work, talk, eat and dance every day.
 - d A snake bites Sam and Jenny finds him on the ground three hours later.
 - e Sam cannot walk. Jenny pulls him along the beach to the sea.
 - f After three days Sam is well again, but not very strong.
- 7 Look at the picture on page 13. Answer the questions.
 - a Is there a big ship?
 - b How many men are in a small boat?
 - c Do you think the Tinkers are scared?
 - d Why does Jenny help Sam to run?
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- 8 Look at page 15. Complete the sentences.
 - a One of the men says to the Tinkers, 'Our ship is going to Come with us.'
 - b The next day is January 1,
 - c They are happy, but, too.
 - d 'Goodbye, Tinkers, ' they say.

After reading

- 9 Work with another student and answer the questions.
 - a What do you say if someone says you are a thief?
 - b Do you like Jenny? Why/Why not?
 - c Do you like being on a big ship? Why/Why not?
 - d Do you think you can be on a small boat in the sea for five days?
 - e You are on the Tinkers Island. What do you want to do first?
 - f What do you think of the Tinkers' life?
- 10 Work in groups. What do you think happens to the Tinkers when they go to America? Write your ideas.
- 11 Write a letter to Jenny or Sam. Start your letter like this.
Dear Jenny/Sam,
Now I know the story of Tinkers Island. I think you are ...



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1 Circle YES or NO.

- a Is Jenny fourteen? YES NO
- b Is Sam a thief? YES NO
- c Does Jenny work hard? YES NO
- d Is Peter a captain? YES NO
- e Does Ned get a job? YES NO
- f Does the cook help Sam? YES NO
- g Do the Tinkers find an island? YES NO
- h Does a snake bite Jenny? YES NO
- i Does the *Black Star* come to the island? YES NO
- j Are Jenny and Sam going to America? YES NO

2 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Where are Jenny and Sam in November 1798?
 - a London
 - b Australia
 - c America
- 2 What do Jenny and Sam sell in the market?
 - a watches
 - b trousers
 - c fruit and vegetables

3 How many weeks does Jenny work on the *Black Star*?

- a two weeks
- b four weeks
- c six weeks

4 How many days are Jenny and Sam on the small boat?

- a three days
- b four days
- c five days

5 What do they make their new house with?

- a coconuts and fish
- b grass and wood
- c coconuts and shirts

3 Put the words in the right places.

- snake bird life market ship
thief ground coconuts fish keys
- a Jenny and Sam work in Covent Garden
 - b The policemen think Sam is a
 - c The *Black Star* is a big
 - d Jenny takes the from the captain's room.
 - e Jenny and Sam see a from a small boat.
 - f The Tinkers eat coconuts and on the island.
 - g The Tinkers know from Covent Garden market.

- h One morning a bites Sam.
- i A snake was on the
- j The Tinkers think they can have a new in America.

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a A thief gives a watch to Sam.
- b They send thieves to Australia.
- c Ned Bell is Jenny's brother.
- d There is a river on the island.
- e The Tinkers eat birds on the island.
- f Jenny finds a house on the beach.
- g Sam makes a flag with his shirt.
- h The Tinkers are very happy for the first year on the island.
- i Jenny catches fish, finds coconuts, makes fires and cooks on the island.
- j The *Red Rose* is a big ship.

5 Put the sentences in order. Write the numbers 1–5.

- a Jenny and Sam are on the island.
- b Jenny and Sam are on a small boat.
- c Jenny and Sam are on the *Red Rose*.
- d Jenny and Sam are on the *Black Star*.
- e Jenny and Sam are in London.

6 Who says what? Choose the right person to complete the sentences. You can use the same person more than once.

- One of the men from the *Red Rose*
Peter Stone
Sam
Jenny
The captain of the *Black Star*
- a says, 'Do you think there's an island near here?'
 - b says, 'My name's Ned Bell.'
 - c says, 'Come with us.'
 - d says, 'They send thieves to Australia.'
 - e says, 'This is 'Tinkers Island' now.'
 - f says, 'You can help the cook.'
 - g says, 'Jenny – is that you?'
 - h says, 'You're free.'
 - i says, 'You're *English!*'
 - j says, 'I don't like this at all.'