



Kidnapped

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While reading

Chapters 1–4

1 Answer the questions.

- a How old was David Balfour when he left his father's house?
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- b Where did David's father want him to go?
.....
- c What was on Ebenezer's kitchen table when David arrived?
.....
- d Where did David sleep the first night?
.....
- e What was Ebenezer afraid of?
.....
- f What did Captain Hoseason do with the kidnapped children?
.....

2 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a David's father was lrceevre than most village teachers.
- b People looked ernyglst at David on the road.
- c David kdieck his uncle's door.
- d David's father had very little enoym when he died.
- e Some men on the ship were ermdersur
- f Mr Rankeillor was a ewaryl
- g The ship hofutg its way north in strong winds.

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

- a Mr Campbell was sad to say goodbye to David.
- b There were no lights in the kitchen of Ebenezer's house.
- c Ebenezer and David were alone in the house.
- d There was a fire in David's room.
- e The ship's boy arrived at Ebenezer's house with a letter.
- f David wanted to see the inside of the ship.
- g The men on the ship gave David all his money back.

4 Underline the wrong word and put in the right one.

- a David planned to go to Edinburgh to be a teacher in one of the schools there.
.....
- b David's uncle's house was very small.
.....
- c David found a letter with his father's writing in it.
- d When David woke up, the back of his leg hurt.
- e Riach was the first officer.
- f Hoseason hit somebody too hard.
.....
- g David has to go to the roundhouse to sleep.
.....

5 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- kindly church carried stairs sea
glass top
- a David met Mr Campbell near a
 - b David could see Edinburgh from the of a hill.
 - c There was no in the window's of Ebenezer's house.
 - d David's uncle spoke very to him at dinner.
 - e David climbed up the in the dark.
 - f Ransome first went to when he was nine.
 - g A man David up to the seaman's room.

Chapters 5–9

6 Match the questions (a–h) with the answers (1–8).

- a What did the ship hit?
- b Where did the man with the French coat want to go?
- c What did Riach want David to do?
- d How many dead men were there inside the roundhouse?
- e What did Campbell want from Alan's family and friends?
- f What did Alan take to France?
- g Could David swim well?



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- h** Why couldn't David talk to the old man's wife?
- 1) Money.
 - 2) Four.
 - 3) Their land and houses.
 - 4) Because she couldn't speak English.
 - 5) A boat.
 - 6) To France.
 - 7) No, he couldn't.
 - 8) To get the guns from the roundhouse.
- 7 Match a name (a–e) with a sentence (1–5).**
- a Mr Campbell
 - b Appin
 - c Ardshiel
 - d James Stewart
 - e Culloden
- 1) Alan's chieftain.
 - 2) Alan's town.
 - 3) A friend of David's.
 - 4) Ardshiel's brother.
 - 5) The place of a big fight between the English and the Scots.
- 8 Finish the sentences with the right words.**
English drink shooting language cried
wood rocks smoke
- a Shuan a little and then went to sleep.
 - b Alan wanted a for his sixty pounds.
 - c David started at the men with his gun.
 - d David used some to help him swim.
 - e David was tired and found a place to sleep between two
 - f He saw from a house to the north-east.
 - g He found an old man who didn't speak well.
 - h He asked people, but he didn't understand the Highland

Chapters 10–14

- 9 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.**
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|-----------|---------|
| stopped | strong |
| fell down | well |
| excited | under |
| hard | easy |
| quickly | started |
| over | sadly |
| ill | bored |
| weak | got up |
| happily | slowly |
- 10 Match the questions (a–h) and answers (1–8).**
- a Why did David run up the hill?
 - b How did David and Alan sometimes move?
 - c Why was Alan stupid?
 - d What did Alan and David read in the paper?
 - e Why couldn't David and Alan use the bridge over the river?
 - f How did they get across the river?
 - g Who did Ebenezer Balfour fall in love with?
 - h Which brother did the girl marry?
- 1) Because he took the wrong road.
 - 2) A girl took them in her father's boat.
 - 3) To try to catch the murderer.
 - 4) Because there were a lot of soldiers there.
 - 5) About the murderer of the Red Fox.
 - 6) David's father.
 - 7) On their stomachs.
 - 8) The same girl as his brother.
- 11 Find words in 10–14.**
- a Something you can hear. (p. 25)
 - b Paper money. (p. 26)
 - c A part of the body. It gets fatter when we eat a lot. (p. 29)
 - d Something we use to cross a river. (p. 31)
 - e Something you can write in. (p. 33)
 - f A place in the house where you can put things. (p. 37)



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

- a David was from Edinburgh.
- b Alexander was older than Ebenezer.
- c Ebenezer got on the ship with David.
- d David was ill on the ship.
- e Alan Breck's clothes were very fine.
- f David didn't shoot any men during the fight in the roundhouse.
- g The English took away Ardshiel's land.
- h David saw people wearing Highland clothes.
- i David wanted to go to Stirling to see a lawyer.
- j Four men went to the Shaws to see Ebenezer.

2 Finish the sentences with the right names.

- Ebenezer Captain Hoseason Mr Riach David
Ransome Alan Breck Mr Shuan Mr Campbell
- a gave David a letter from his father.
 - b opened the door of the house of the Shaws.
 - c climbed up some stairs in the dark to get some papers from a box.
 - d took the captain's letter to Ebenezer.
 - e was worried about David on the ship.
 - f hit the boy on the ship.
 - g wanted David to work in the roundhouse.
 - h lived in France but needed to see Scotland every year.
 - i fell from his horse and died on the road in his lawyer's arms.
 - j asked for a bottle of wine because it was a happy day.

3 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a Alan and David fought and killed some of the seamen.
- b David found a house and the family were very nice to him.
- c A girl helped Alan and David to cross a river.
- d David now had his own house.
- e David and Alan read about the murder of the Red Fox in a newspaper.
- f David met his uncle for the first time.
- g David swam to land.
- h The Red Fox died and David met Alan again.

- i Captain Hoseason invited David to have a drink on the *Covenant*.
- j The ship crashed into some rocks.

4 Circle the right words.

- a David walked from Essendean to Crammond in *two / ten* days.
- b Ransome had a *letter / gun* when he arrived at Ebenezer's house.
- c There were some *men / guns* in the room under the roundhouse.
- d Hoseason wanted Breck in the roundhouse because he couldn't use his *sword / gun* in there.
- e *Alan's father / Ebenezer* gave Alan the shiny buttons.
- f Alan *liked / didn't like* Mr Campbell.
- g After the ship crashed, David arrived first on an island with *many / no* houses.
- h The lawyer with the Red Fox wore *black / green* clothes.
- i The law in the Highlands was the law of the *Stewart's / Campbell's*.
- j David's clothes were *clean / dirty* when he met Mr Rankeillor.

5 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- put ate carried climbed sold shot kicked
moved thought planned
- a At first, David to go to Edinburgh to be a student.
 - b David some food when he arrived at his uncle's.
 - c David a lot of stairs to find some papers.
 - d Captain Hoseason the kidnapped children.
 - e Two seamen Ransome down to David's old room.
 - f David one of the men in the stomach.
 - g David about the clansmen's love of their chieftain and understood.
 - h David put his hands on the wood and with his legs.
 - i James's wife some of the papers on a fire.
 - j Mr Rankeillor away from the wall and Ebenezer saw him.