

Robinson Crusoe

1 **SPEAKING** Describe the photo. Where is the man? Why is he there? What is he doing? Do you know the name of the film and the actor?

2 **USE OF ENGLISH** Read the text and circle the correct answers.

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| 1 a when | b before | c up to |
| 2 a In | b On | c At |
| 3 a which | b who | c it |
| 4 a if | b why | c that |
| 5 a stay | b to stay | c staying |
| 6 a on | b over | c about |
| 7 a so | b because | c however |



3.19

The real Robinson Crusoe

Written by Daniel Defoe and published in 1719, *Robinson Crusoe* is one of the oldest and most famous adventure stories in English literature. In the story, Crusoe is marooned on a desert island and spends 27 years there ¹ he is rescued. Defoe probably got the idea for his novel from the true story of the Scottish sailor, Alexander Selkirk.

² the early 18th century, England was at war with Spain, and Selkirk joined the crew of an English ship, the *Cinque Ports*, ³ attacked Spanish colonies and ships in the South Pacific. In 1704, Selkirk's ship stopped at a remote island for fresh water and supplies. Selkirk was worried

⁴ the ship was in poor condition and, instead of returning

to it, decided ⁵ on the island alone. He became very lonely and quickly regretted his decision, but he was right ⁶ the *Cinque Ports*: it sank. Selkirk survived by building a shelter and killing animals for food. Two ships visited the island the following year, but unfortunately they were Spanish, ⁷ Selkirk hid from sight. An English ship finally arrived at the island in February 1709 and Selkirk was able to return home.

The story so far ...

Robinson Crusoe is a sailor. On a voyage to Africa, his ship sinks in a storm. Crusoe manages to swim to an island but he is the only survivor. He manages to get ropes, wood, guns and tools from the ship. He builds shelters and a canoe, and hunts wild animals. Many years pass. One day he sees a footprint in the sand and then discovers that cannibals occasionally visit the island and eat their prisoners. On one of these visits, Crusoe kills two cannibals and helps one of the prisoners to escape ...

3 Read *The story so far*. Then work in pairs. What do you think happens next? Use the ideas below, or your own ideas.

- They become friends.
- The prisoner attacks Crusoe and runs away.
- The prisoner becomes Crusoe's slave.
- Crusoe learns to speak the prisoner's language.
- The prisoner takes Crusoe to his home on another island.

4 **3.20** Listen to the next part of the story and check your ideas.

5 **3.20** Complete the questions with the words below. Use each word once. Then listen again and answer the questions.

how long what where when why

- _____ did Crusoe call the man 'Man Friday'?
- _____ did Crusoe teach Man Friday to do?
- _____ did they go back to Crusoe's first house?
- _____ did Crusoe and Man Friday live together?
- _____ were they when Man Friday saw his country?

6 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Imagine that you are going to spend a year on a desert island. Decide which of the things below you will take with you and why. What else will you take? Use the phrases to help you.

blanket first-aid kit gun knife lighter
mobile phone pencil and paper sun cream
toothbrush towel

Let's take ... so that we can ...
I (don't) think we need a ... because ...
A ... will be useful for ...
I think we should also take ...
Good idea. / I'm not sure about that.