

Exercise 11 (p. 93)

There aren't many characters in Robinson Crusoe. Most of the book takes place when Crusoe is shipwrecked and alone on the island. Crusoe manages to survive despite the dangers on the island. He is a very clever man. He had to learn how to do things by himself. He made plates and cups from wood and a boat from a tree. He tried to find ways to leave the island, although they were all unsuccessful. He is also very brave. He is not afraid to be on his own and fight the wild animals. He even risked his life to save the other important character in the story, Friday.

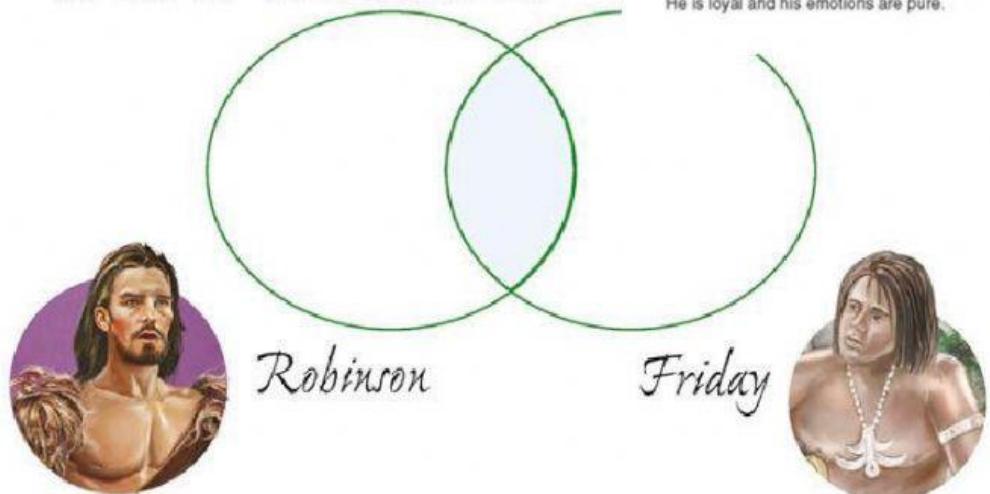
Friday is the local man that Crusoe saves from unfriendly people on the beach. His real name isn't Friday, of course, but this is what Crusoe calls him. At first, the two men cannot communicate. But after some time, Friday learns to speak English and becomes a good friend of Crusoe's. Friday's most important character traits are his openness and innocence. He comes to love Crusoe, even going so far as to ask to be killed rather than be separated from him. He is loyal and his emotions are pure.

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Character analysis

11 10.2.2 Listen to a professor presenting the characters of Robinson Crusoe and Friday. Use the adjectives from the list to complete the Venn diagram.

• loyal • open • clever • innocent • shipwrecked • brave



12 10.6.6 **THINK!** What do the characters have in common? How do they differ? Use conjunctions such as: *but, and, because, etc.* Write a few sentences.

Setting & Symbolism

13 10.2.2 10.3.6 10.3.7 Listen to a professor giving a lecture about the setting and the symbolism of the footprint in *Robinson Crusoe*. Take notes to fill in the graphic organiser. Then, present the setting and the symbol of the footprint to the class.

| Setting | Description |
|---------------|-------------|
| the island | |
| Symbol | Meaning |
| the footprint | |



14 10.1.3 Why is the story set on an island? Where else could the same story take place? Discuss.

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