



- 1 Look at the picture and read the introduction. What do you think will happen?

🔊 Listen and read to find out.

- 2 Read the extract and decide if the statements are T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Wolf Larsen forced Humphrey to come on board his ship.
- 2 Humphrey wanted to be alone with Maud on the deck.
- 3 Humphrey didn't find any food to take on the journey.
- 4 Humphrey worried that the sailor could see them.

- 3 Look at the underlined phrases. Explain what the body language means.

- 4 What do you think happens next? Discuss in pairs.
🔊 Listen and check.

- 5 Give the extract a different ending.

Humphrey van Weyden was sailing off the California coast when his ferry sank. A ship saved him – but its cruel captain, Wolf Larsen, forces Humphrey to work for him. One night, Humphrey and Maud, another passenger, see a chance to escape ...

Larsen buried his head in his hands.

"What's the matter?" I asked, resting my hand on his shoulder.

"It's those headaches. Help me into my bed", he said.

Maud looked at me curiously as I came up on deck, but I walked past her. Louis was at the wheel. "You may go and rest," I said, taking it from him. At last, the deck was empty. I walked back to Maud and put my finger on my lips for silence.

"Ready for a journey of six hundred miles or so?" I asked.

"You mean ...?" she replied, and I knew she had guessed right.

"Yes," I said. "There is nothing left for us here."

Straightaway, I opened a trapdoor and began looking for supplies. Carrying a candle, I worked in silence – collecting canned goods, blankets and oilskins. Next, we lowered a small boat, but then, suddenly, a sailor appeared on deck – his back towards us. I could hear my heart beating as we both lay flat in the boat. But the man never turned. Instead, he stretched his arms, yawned and went back below deck.

I quickly put the supplies in the boat and helped Maud on board. I had never rowed in my life, but with great difficulty I soon got the boat moving. We turned our heads, happy to see the *Ghost* for the last time. Then, slowly, she faded away and we were alone on the dark sea.

adapted from *The Sea-Wolf* by Jack London (1904)

Check these words

- sink • cruel • bury my head in my hands • deck • trapdoor
- supplies • canned goods • oilskins • lower • heart beating
- lie flat • yawn • row • fade away

Culture Spot

- 1 🔊 Listen, read and answer the questions.

- 1 Who was Daniel Defoe?
- 2 Who was Robinson Crusoe?
- 3 What dangers did Crusoe face on the island?
- 4 What happened to him in the end?

- 2 PRESENTATION SKILLS Think of a famous character in literature from your country. Collect information under the following headings: *author details – title, character & publication date – plot*. Present the character to the class.

Daniel Defoe was born in London in about 1660. Although he became a prosperous merchant, it is for his novels that we usually remember him. Defoe's most famous novel, *The Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*, (1719), tells the story of one man's struggle to survive. The young Robinson Crusoe runs away to sea but gets shipwrecked on a desert island for thirty years! We follow his adventures as he builds a shelter, grows his own food, survives an earthquake and fights pirates. Crusoe also meets a native and saves him from cannibals. Friday, as Crusoe calls him, becomes a loyal servant and friend. Eventually, a ship rescues them and they sail back to England together.





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