DANIEL DEFOE «ROBINSON CRUSOE»

Watch the short cartoon and then do exercises.

1. READ THE TEXTS QUICKLY AND MATCH THE HEADINGS 1, 2 WITH TEXTS A, B.

Did you know the original title of "Robinson Crusoe"?

What equipment did Robinson used on island?

Did you know that Defoe used a real life story for his book?

Robinson Crusoe is the main character of a famous novel by Daniel Defoe, an 18th century English writer. The book is known as "Robinson Crusoe". But its original title is "The Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe, of York, Mariner: Who Lived Eight and Twenty Years, All Alone in an Un-inhabited Island on the Coast of America, Near the Mouth of the Great River of Oroonoque; Having Been Cast on Shore by Shipwreck, Wherein all the Men Perished but Himself. With an Account How He Was at Last as Strangely Delivered by Pirates." The title, as you can see, actually tells the story of Robinson Crusoe in short! The book was published in 1719.

The story of Robinson Crusoe is based on real facts. Alexander Selkirk, a shoemaker's son from Scotland, went to sea in 1695. He was only 19 years old at that time. In 1704, his ship was damaged and he decided to get off and not sail any further. He landed on a desert island and the ship sailed away. Alexander had only his clothes, a gun, a few tools, tobacco and the Bible. He spent about five years on the island. In 1709, English seamen rescued him.

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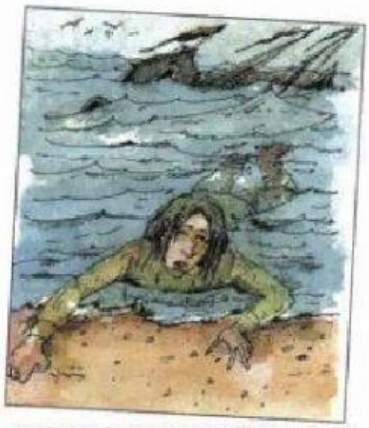
2. Read the text about the original title of «Robinson Crusoe» and answer the questions.

- How many years did Robinson Crusoe live on an island? _____
- Where was this island? _____
- How did he get to the island? _____
- Who saved Robinson? _____

3. Listen and read about the novel by Daniel Defoe. Match the pictures with the paragraphs.



The Story of Robinson Crusoe

(1) Robinson Crusoe, a young man, lives in England. He is eighteen years old. His father wants him to study at university, but Robinson dreams of the sea. He runs away from home and his adventures begin.

(2) One of his sea voyages ends with a shipwreck. Robinson finds himself alone on a desert island.

(3) Robinson lives on the island for twenty-eight years. During these years, he builds himself a house, learns how to fish and to grow plants. He also learns how to cook. At first he feels sad, but then he starts to think that he lives a much better life here than he did in Europe.

(4) He does not see any people for 15 years. Then, one day, he sees a footprint, and later saves a young man. Crusoe names him Friday, because he found him on that day of the week. Friday is extremely grateful and becomes Robinson's servant. He learns some English.

(5) For some years the two live happily. Then, a ship comes to the island. The ship is under pirates' control. Crusoe saves the captain of the ship and his men from the pirates and they take him back to England.

(6) There Robinson finds that in his absence he has become a wealthy man. Crusoe gets married and has three children. Later, he visits his old island.

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