

e-lesson

Week starting: 10th February 2003

1. Castaway

On February 14th, 1709, rescued castaway Alexander Selkirk finally set sail from a small island off the coast of Chile, after having spent four years alone there. Ten years later, Daniel Defoe wrote about Alexander Selkirk's experiences and gave him the fictional name of Robinson Crusoe. There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/feb/IO083S-castaway.pdf>

Level

Good Intermediate upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Tell your students they have three minutes to read a biography and remember as many of the details as they can. They will then have to answer some questions about the text.
2. Give each student a copy of Worksheet A and three minutes in which to read it.
3. After three minutes stop your students. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B and tell them that by answering the questions they can find the name of the island. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together without looking back at Worksheet A to answer the questions and write the answers in the grid.
4. Check answers in open class. If the questions have all been answered as below, the name *Robinson Crusoe* should read from top to bottom.

Answers

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| 1. tanner | 8. goatskins |
| 2. Scotland | 9. Chile |
| 3. cobbler | 10. privateer |
| 4. Dampier | 11. Duke |
| 5. Cinque Ports | 12. Master |
| 6. scurvy | 13. Defoe |
| 7. marooned | 14. Weymouth |

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://ferncanyonpress.com/pirates/robinson/crusoe.shtml>

Read about Alexander Selkirk and then read the whole of Robinson Crusoe

<http://www.ciudadnet.com/crusoe/lasislas1.htm>

Take a look at the Juan Fernandez islands

<http://www.legends.dm.net/pirates/>

Shiver me timbers me hearties! More pirates!