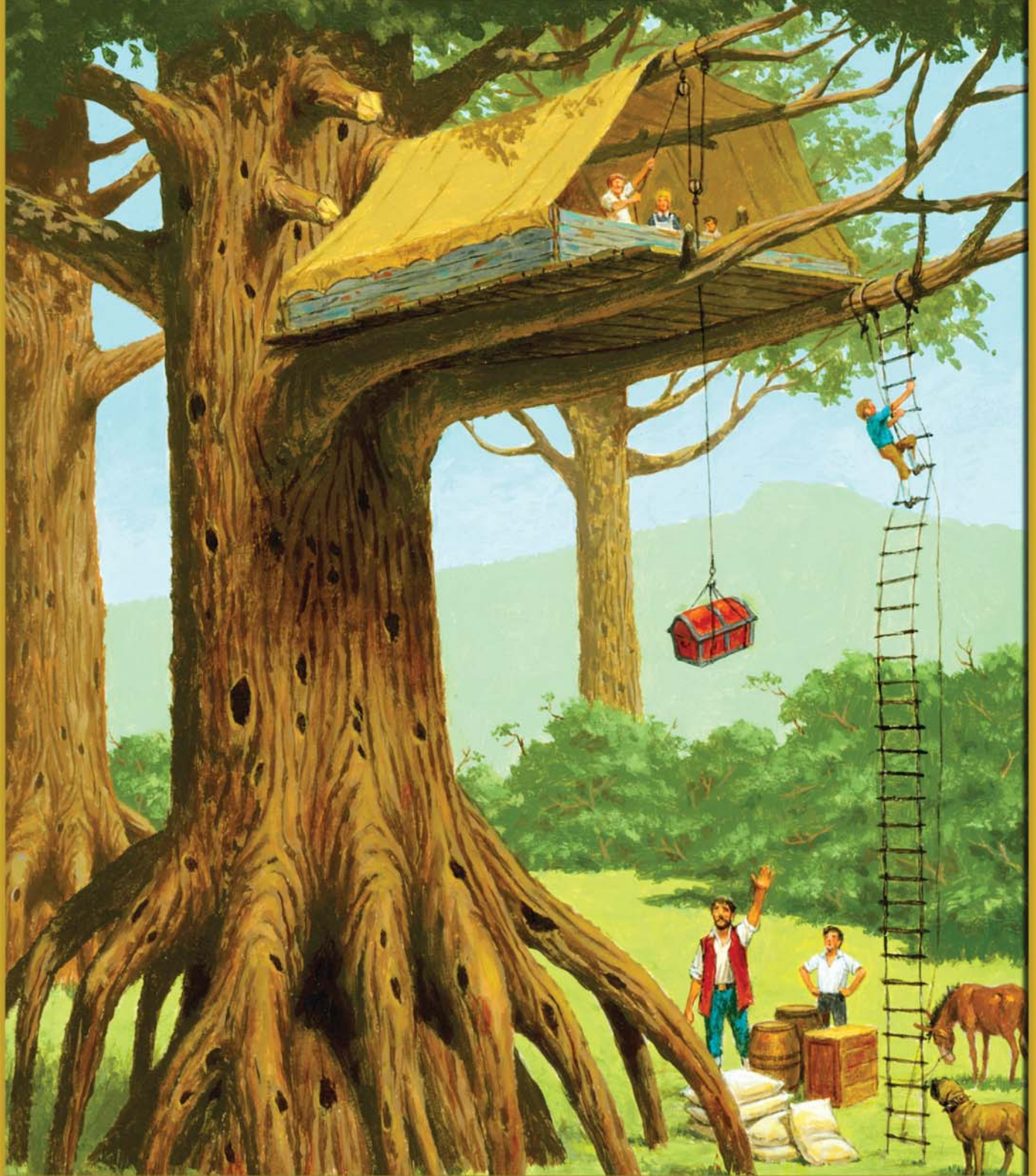


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Level 1

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Swiss Family Robinson



ALONE AT SEA



We held on to each other during the storm. What would we do? Would we ever get to land?

Preview:

1. Read the name of the story.
2. Look at the picture.
3. Read the sentences under the picture.
4. Read the first paragraph of the story.
5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that

- a. the Robinsons were having a party.
- b. the Robinsons were no longer together.
- c. the Robinsons did not like each other.
- d. the ship the Robinsons were on, hit a big rock.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to find out what happens to the Robinsons on their search for a new home.

ALONE AT SEA

My name is Robinson. I and Mrs. Robinson were on a ship at sea with our four sons. We were going to a new land, and we were happy. One night, the rain fell hard. The wind blew hard. The water pushed our ship too fast. We were afraid. The men on our ship left in small boats. We were alone. The ship hit a big rock and could not move. Now we felt very afraid. The animals on the ship were afraid. As night went on, the rain still fell, and the wind still blew. We could not sleep.

When morning came, we could see through the rain that our ship had a big crack in its side. Water was slowly coming into the ship. I could also

see land from our ship. A beach was near. We hoped that once the rain stopped, we could swim to the beach. That night, we ate our last meal on the ship. Fritz, our oldest boy, said, "Father, only you and I can swim. How will Mother and my three brothers get to the beach?" I did not know what to do.

When we woke up, the rain and wind had stopped. I sent everyone to look through the ship. They looked for things we could use on land. Fritz and little Franz found some things to catch animals. Ernest found some things to build a house. My wife found a surprise. Some cows and other animals

were still well. Jack found two dogs. We also found some boxes that could hold these things and the people who could not swim. We loaded the boxes. "Let's go!" I said. We left the ship and made our way to the beach. I thought to myself, "Would we make it?"

ALONE AT SEA

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. The Robinson family
 a. was going to a new land.
 b. was going home.
 c. was going to find elephants.
 d. was going to a baseball game.
2. While on the ship, a storm came along. All the men on the ship
 a. started to cry.
 b. told Mr. Robinson not to be afraid.
 c. left the ship in small boats.
 d. stayed with the Robinson family.
3. Through the rain, the Robinsons
 a. could see other ships in the water.
 b. could see a big crack in the boat.
 c. could see nothing.
 d. could hear airplanes.
4. Mr. Robinson knew their only hope was to swim to land, but
 a. everyone wanted to stay on the ship.
 b. he could not swim.
 c. he did not see any land near.
 d. his wife and three of his sons could not swim.
5. When the rain stopped, everyone went looking through the ship for
 a. more people.
 b. more cookies.
 c. things they could use on land.
 d. Grandmother and Grandfather.
6. On the ship, Fritz and Franz found
 a. some things to catch animals.
 b. Grandmother.
 c. nothing.
 d. candy.
7. Ernest found
 a. nothing.
 b. Grandfather.
 c. things to build a house.
 d. his pet dog.
8. The things and people that could not swim
 a. were left on the ship.
 b. tried to swim anyway.
 c. waited for another ship to come get them.
 d. were put into boxes that would carry them in the water.
9. Another name for this story could be
 a. "The Rains."
 b. "Home At Last!"
 c. "Never Again."
 d. "A Great Day."
10. This story is mainly about
 a. learning to swim.
 b. a family on a sea trip to a new land.
 c. four boys fighting.
 d. what to do on a ship when it rains.

Preview Answer:
d. the ship the Robinsons were on, hit a big rock.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

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