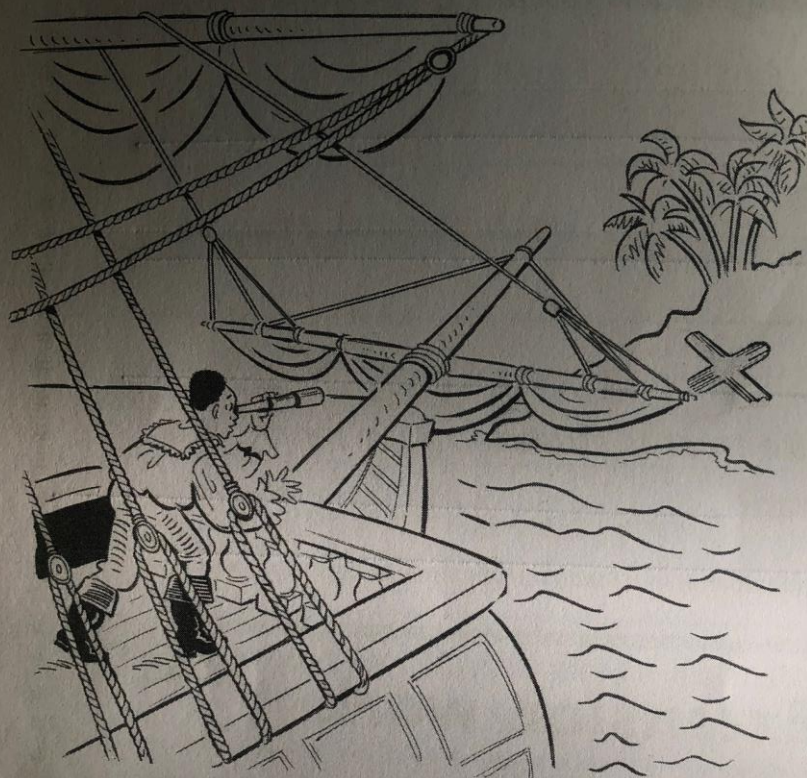


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Questions

Answer the following questions with a full sentence:

1. Who was on the ship?

2. What did the pirates hope to find on the island?

3. How did they know where the treasure was buried on the island?

4. Did the pirates land on the island?

5. Who did the octopus think the treasure belonged to?

6. What did the octopus do to the pirates and why?

Word work

Give the meaning of the following words:

jolly boat

tentacles

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Extension work

1. What would you do if a giant octopus picked you up?
2. Imagine you are one of the pirates circling the earth in your jolly boat. How would you spend your time?
3. If you were one of the pirates, what would you do to get back to Earth?
4. Imagine that the pirates get back to Earth and get hold of the treasure. Make a list of things they find inside the treasure chest.
5. Brainstorm lots of words to describe the octopus. Do the same for the pirates.
6. Imagine you are the octopus. Write a story about how you got the treasure and why you buried it!