

# In Search of Treasure

The pirates talked late into the night of their plans to dig for the treasure as soon as the sun came up. Jack lay in his hammock listening, wondering if they would ever sleep. When at last the room was full of their snoring, he crept across the room trying not to step on the floor board that creaked and opened the door slowly. He tip-toed across the deck being careful to stay in the shadows until he reached the rope ladder that trailed over the hull of the ship down to where a small, tethered rowing boat was bobbing up and down in the shallows. He slid down the ladder, loosened the rope and seized the oars.

Half an hour later, he hauled the boat onto the shore of Black Rock Island, grabbed the lantern and ran along the beach until he reached the rickety wooden bridge that led towards the forest.

A winding, narrow path led him up the steep hillside between tangled tree roots and wispy creepers that stuck to his clothes. At last, as the pale streaks of dawn crept across the horizon, he reached the top of the hill and stood in a small clearing. Only then did he rest, he sat down on a rock and reaching down into his pocket, he pulled out a crumpled piece of parchment.

The sun was rising quickly now and looking out to sea, he could see the pirate ship straining at her anchor.



Jack laughed aloud as he thought of them waking to discover that both he and the treasure map had gone. There was no time to lose, he unfolded the map and spread it out. The route to the treasure was clearly marked out, he measured his footsteps carefully counting as he went, turning first one way and then another until at last he stood on a patch of ground where the grass was sparse. Surely this was the spot. He was stuffing the map back into his pocket as he heard the sound of men shouting and saw them launching another rowing boat. He was laughing at the thought of them climbing the hill only to find that the treasure was gone when he realised his one mistake. He looked round wildly then flung himself down on the sparse grass and began digging frantically with his hands.

# In Search of Treasure

## Section A

*Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.*

The pirates planned to dig for treasure as soon as the

1   **Sun**                      **Moon**                      **Earth**                      **sea**

came up. When they were asleep Jack

2   **tramped**      **dashed**                      **crept**                      **tip-toed**

across the room. He slid down the ladder into the

3   **boat.**                      **water.**                      **deck.**                      **sand.**

He rowed to the island and ran until he reached the rickety wooden

4   **gate**                      **fence**                      **bridge**                      **house**

that led to the forest. He sat down to rest and pulled a crumpled piece of parchment out of his

5   **pocket.**      **jacket.**                      **sock.**                      **hat.**

He unfolded the

6   **map**      **handkerchief**                      **sail**                      **jacket**

and spread it out. He flung himself down and began digging frantically with his hands.

## Section B

1 Why did 'Jack lay in his hammock listening'?

2 How did Jack know the other pirates were asleep?

3 Why did Jack 'stay in the shadows' until he reached the rope ladder?

4 Why was the rowing boat 'bobbing up and down'?

5 What are 'the pale streaks of dawn'?

6 How do you think the other pirates reacted when they discovered Jack had taken the treasure map?

7 Jack 'realised his one mistake'. What mistake did he make?

## Section C

Make up your own story about what happens next to Jack and the other pirates.

# The Treasure Hunt

Four children are at an outdoor centre for the day. They have been given a map and told to find the hidden treasure. The first clue tells them to start at the main entrance and go south east to the woods.

**Aran:** *How do I know which way is south east?*

**Kasem:** *Use the compass to find north. Then we can work out where south east is.*

**Tama:** *Hold the compass level!*

**Saburo:** *It must be that way. Quick, let's run.*

The four children run across the field to the edge of the wood.

**Aran:** *Where now?*

**Kasem:** *Look, hanging from that tree branch, there's a letter written on a piece of card.*

**Tama:** *What does it say?*

**Saburo:** *It's the letter 'D'. We'd better remember that.*

**Aran:** *Where now?*

**Kasem:** *Look, on the back of the letter card is the next instruction. "Go south west to find the pond."*

**Tama:** *Quick, let's run again.*

The four children run across the field towards the pond.

**Saburo:** *Slow down, I can't keep up.*

**Aran:** *Here's the next one, fastened to the gate. It's the letter 'O'.*

**Kasem:** *Where now?*

**Tama:** *On the back it says "Go north to the swings".*

**Saburo:** *Quick, let me have the compass. North is that way!*

The four children run in the direction indicated by the compass needle.

**Saburo:** *Slow down, I can't keep up.*

**Aran:** *Here's the next one, tied to the swing. It's the letter 'G'.*

**Kasem:** *First 'D', then 'O' and now 'G'.*

**Tama:** *I wonder what it means?*

**Kasem:** *Where now?*



**Saburo:** *It says on the back of the letter card to "Go north west towards the 'old well.'"*

**Kasem:** *Quick, give me the compass. If north is that way and west is that way...*

**Tama:** *Northwest must be over there.*

**Aran:** *Quick, let's run again!*

The four children run in the direction of the old well.

**Saburo:** *Slow down, I can't keep up.*

**Kasem:** *There's the old well.*

**Tama:** *And there is the next letter, 'it's an 'L'!*

**Aran:** *Where next?*

**Kasem:** *It says, "Look for the treasure in what you already have."*

**Tama:** *But we haven't got anything!*

**Saburo:** *Only those four letters.*

**Aran:** *What were they again?*

**Kasem:** *They were 'D', 'O', 'G' and 'L'.*



# The Treasure Hunt

## Section A

*Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.*

Four children were at an outdoor centre for the day. Kasem said they must use the compass to find

1    **north**                **south**                **east**                **west**

then they could work out where

2    **north east**        **south east**        **north west**        **south west**

is. Hanging from the tree they found the letter

3    **D**                **O**                **G**                **L**

on a piece of card. The next instruction said find the

4    **wood.**            **pond.**            **swings.**            **old well.**

The second letter found was

5    **D.**                **O.**                **G.**                **L.**

Tied to the swing they found the letter

6    **D.**                **O.**                **G.**                **L.**

When they had collected all of the letters they had 'D', 'O', 'G' and 'L'.

## Section B

1 What tools did the children have to help find the treasure?

2 In which four places did the children find the letter cards?

3 How can you use a compass to find south?

4 How did the children know where to go next after they had collected each letter?

5 How did the children know they had come to the end of the treasure hunt?

6 Saburo couldn't keep up with the other children. How do you think he felt when this happened?

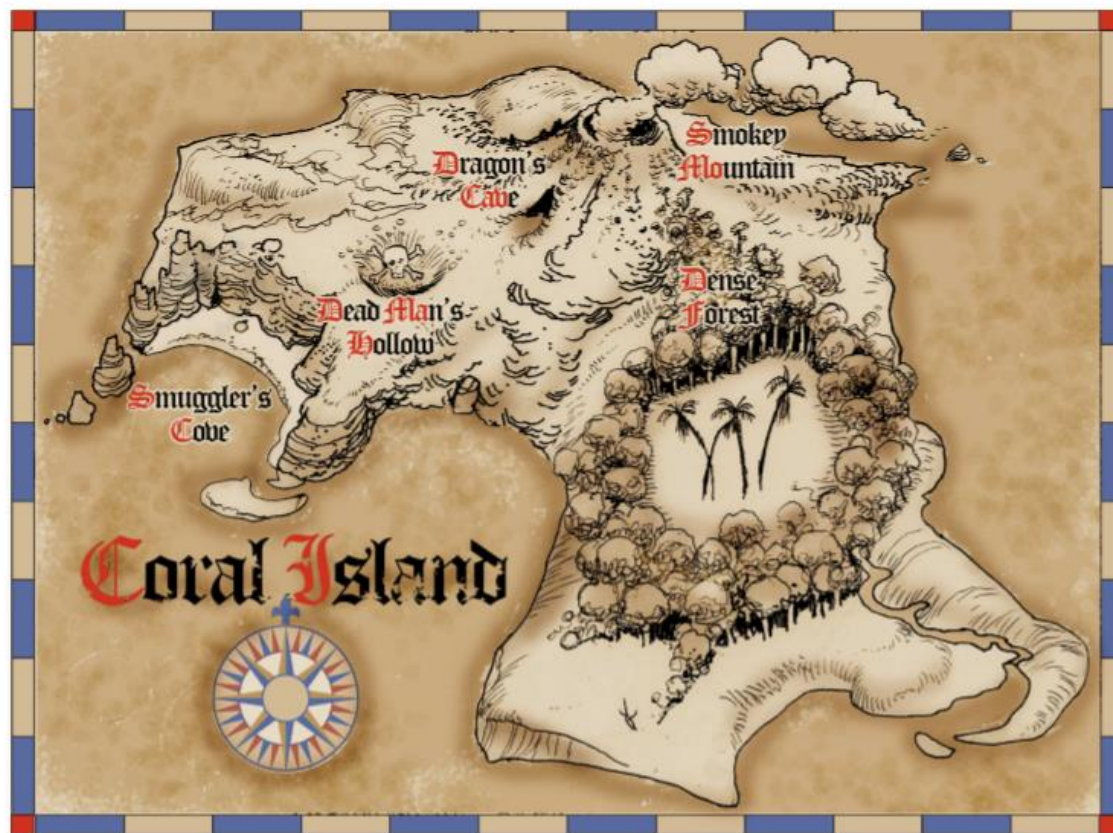
7 What treasure did the children find?

## Section C

Continue the playscript making up what the children do next.

# How to Find Tom Flint's Treasure

- 1 Take a ship to Coral Island and drop anchor off the west coast.
- 2 Row a small boat into Smuggler's Cove – this is the only safe beach to land on the island.
- 3 Find the old path and follow it to Dead Man's Hollow.
- 4 Stand in the middle of Dead Man's Hollow and look up to see the Dragon's Cave. You will know this cave by the fire smoke marks on the rocks around the entrance.
- 5 Follow the track past the entrance to Dragon's Cave all the way to the top of Smokey Mountain. This is an old volcano, which frequently erupts.
- 6 Wait for a clear day and look south for the big 'W', which is made out of four giant palm trees. This stands in a clearing deep in the forest.
- 7 There is no path in this direction, you will need to 'hack your way' through the dense forest to reach your destination. Beware the creatures of the wood!
- 8 Stand underneath the big 'W' and face southeast.
- 9 Take ten paces forward and turn right.
- 10 Take five paces forward. You should now be standing in soft sand.
- 11 Dig down one metre and find 'your dream'.



## How to Find Tom Flint's Treasure

### Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Take a ship to Coral Island and anchor off the

1    **north**                **south**                **east**                **west**

coast. Stand in Dead Man's Hollow and look for the

2    **Lion's**            **Wolf's**            **Tiger's**            **Dragon's**

Cave. Stand on Smokey Mountain and look

3    **north**            **south**            **east**                **west**

for the big 'W'. This is made from

4    **three**            **four**                **five**                **six**

giant palm trees. Beware the

5    **spiders**    **darkness**            **dangers**            **creatures**

of the wood. From the big 'W' take

6    **five**                **ten**                **fifteen**            **twenty**

paces forward and turn right. Take five more paces and dig for 'your dream'.

### Section B

1 Why must you land on the island at Smuggler's Cove?

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2 How do you think Dead Man's Hollow got its name?

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3 How can you recognise the Dragon's Cave?

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4 How would you feel waiting for a 'clear day' on top of a volcano which frequently erupts?

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5 What do you think 'hack your way' through the dense forest means?

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6 Why must you 'beware of the creatures of the wood'?

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7 What do you think the author means by 'your dream'?

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### Section C

Write a set of instructions to direct somebody to 'hidden treasure' in your school grounds.