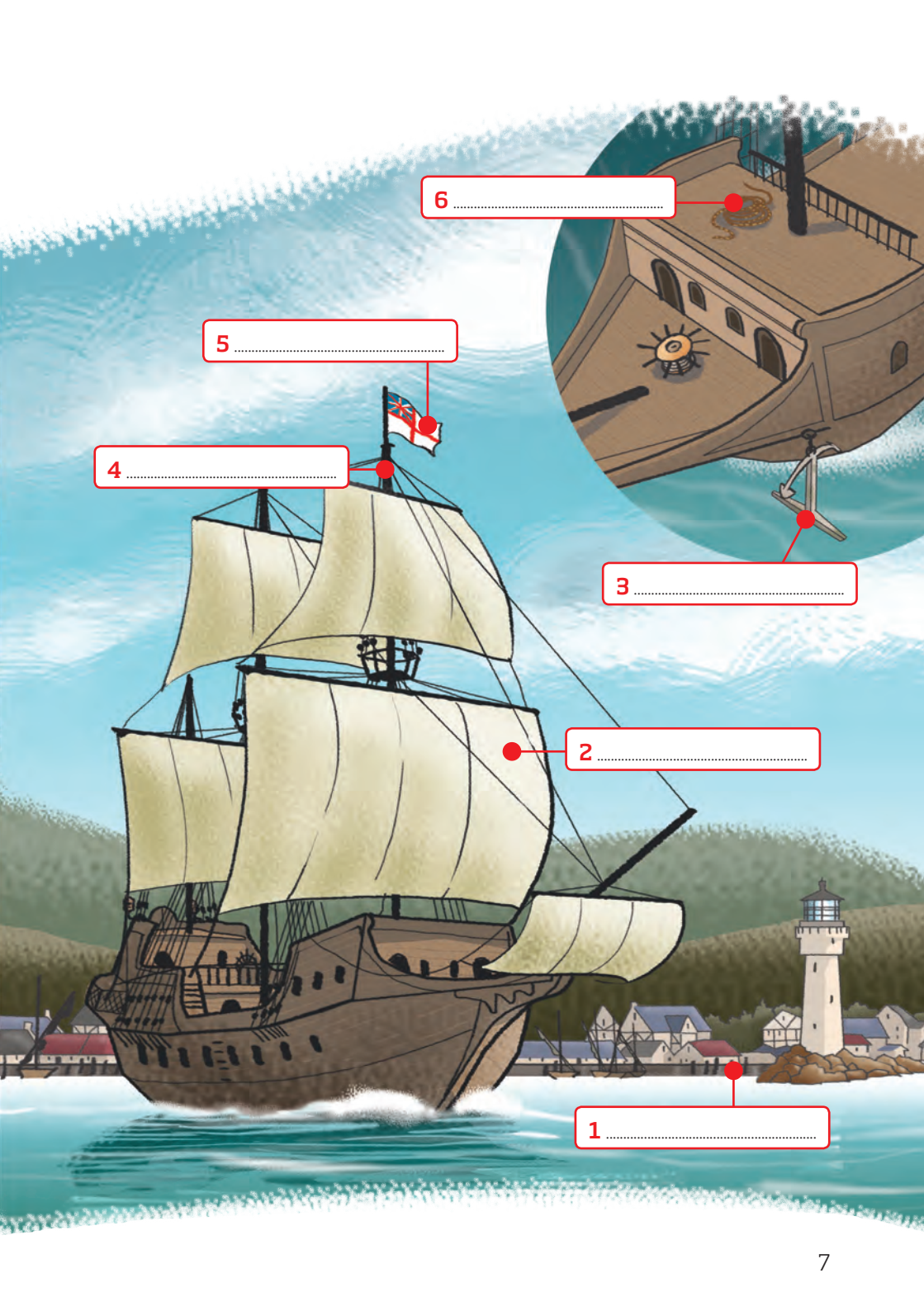


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**Hello, I'm David
and this is my story.
Who is the Black Corsair?
Look through the book
and find out!**





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3 The revolution was lost.

All the kings and queens, princes and princesses, lords and ladies were happy. They were in control again of the land and the sea. They had their army and their navy[•], their soldiers and sailors, to protect them. So they celebrated with wild parties in their palaces and castles. And they laughed and sang loudly through the night, because they still had their beautiful homes, their soft beds and their delicious food. They still had all their money.

And once again the people were poor and hungry. Their animals were sick and their bones[•] showed through their skins. Their homes were full of holes that let in the wind and rain. But worst of all, they had no hope for a better future.

But some people still believed in love and freedom[•].
A boat sailed through the night.

It was cold and dark. Clouds covered the moon and stars.

The boat always sailed in the same direction. Only the soft sound of the waves against its sides broke the silence.

When the clouds separated, the moon shone a band of silver light across the calm surface of the sea. It was like a silver path. And the boat sailed along it.

The moonlight also revealed a man. He was standing at the stern of the boat. He was wearing a cap and a black cloak. His face was hidden by his cap.

He was looking straight ahead. He was looking for something.

Finally, he saw a shape on the horizon. It was a long dark finger of land. And he smiled, for this was his destination.





This sailor was only sixteen when he went to fight for the revolution. He was twenty-one now and he was sailing home. He felt sad and tired. But he felt happy, too. It was time to see his parents again.

The land grew larger and larger. He could see the shapes of the rocks and the trees. And in the moonlight he could see where the sea met the shore[•].

When the water was shallow[•] enough, he climbed over the side of the *Alastor*. He took a rope, pulled his boat onto the hard sand, and tied it to an old tree. Then he ran across the beach as quickly as he could. He knew there were soldiers along this coast. And they were looking for him.

For this man was no ordinary sailor. His name was Daniel and he was a hero of the revolution. He was known as the Black Corsair[•]. But now he was an outlaw[•].

Daniel ran over the hills that he knew as a child.

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He remembered every stream and every stone.



But there was danger! Soldiers!



Daniel threw himself into a ditch and hid.



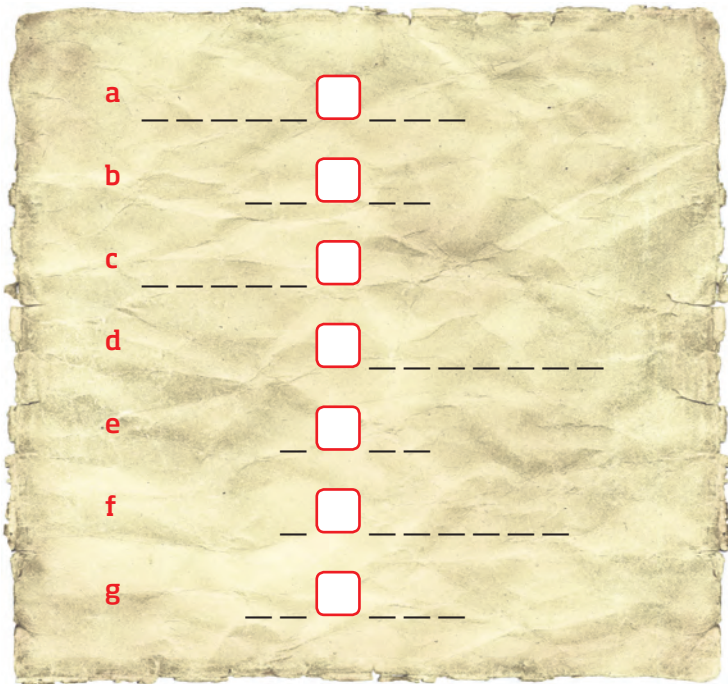


After Reading

Vocabulary

1 Solve the clues and discover the secret word.

- a This instrument makes things look bigger.
- b This is the land beside the sea.
- c This stops a ship from moving in the water.
- d This is a person you don't know.
- e A flag flies from the top of this.
- f This word means 'not married any more'.
- g This wooden container can hold food or water.



Another word for pirate is _____.