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Robinson Crusoe

In September 1659 I leave Brazil for Africa with ten other men. It is very hot and the weather is good. But after twelve days there is a great storm. The sea plays with me for a very long time. It leaves me on the beach. I am very tired and ill . Where are all the other men? I don't know.

The sea is quiet now. I've got nothing with me – n food, no tools , no gun or knife . I swim to the ship and find many important things there: food and drink, guns, pens and paper, money, clothes, knives, books. I make a small boat and make eleven journeys between the beach and the ship. Then the storms start again and I stay on land.

The wind and rain are strong all night. The next morning I can't see the ship. It is under the sea, with my ten friends.

I am on an island. I find a place for my home. I make a tent in a cave. I cut down young trees and build a strong wall round my home. I have two rooms in my home. I live and sleep in the tent and I use the cave for my food and water.

There is rain every day for two months from the middle of August to the middle of October. I can't leave my house because the rain is very heavy but I am busy.

The end of September is a sad day for me. One year on this island. One year with no people and no talking. I am very quiet and sad all day.

Then one day I go to the beach and I see something strange. It is a man's footprint . How is this possible? I walk up and down the beach and look at the mark again. Strange ideas are in my head. Is there a man in the trees? Who is on my island?

I stay in my house for three days. I can't sleep. Are there other people on the island?
