

Kensuke's Kingdom

Read chapter 2 and discuss the following questions.

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Guided Reading Questions and Activities

Chapter 2: Water, Water Everywhere

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Which of the crew was allowed to idle?
2. How was Stella a comfort?
3. Who taught mother navigation?
4. What does Michael have to do for 'English'?
5. Does Michael enjoy writing?

Challenge:

Make your own Log Book.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. Which part of the sailing do you think Michael most/least enjoyed?
2. Why can Michael no longer argue with his mother?

Challenge:

Write your first entry in your Log Book.
What happened to you yesterday?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why do you think the chapter is called 'Water, Water Everywhere'?
2. Is 'heaving' a good word to describe the sea?
3. Michael says his school work is a 'conspiracy'. What does he mean?

Challenge:

Write your second entry in your Log Book.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. What do you think are the main differences between learning at school and learning at sea?
2. Can you think of any other stories that use Log Books or diaries to tell part of the tale?
3. Is this an effective build up?

Challenge:

Write your third entry in your Log Book.

Kensuke's Kingdom Answers

Chapter 2: Water, Water Everywhere

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Which of the crew was allowed to idle?
Stella Artois
2. How was Stella a comfort?
They cuddled her when they felt seasick or unwell.
3. Who taught mother navigation?
Barnacle Bill
4. What does Michael have to do for 'English'?
Write in the ship's log.
5. Does Michael enjoy writing?
Yes, now more than he ever did at school.

Challenge:

Make your own Log Book.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. Which part of the sailing do you think Michael most/least enjoyed?
Listen to pupil's responses, e.g. He most enjoys steering the Peggy Sue. He least enjoys being wet all of the time.
2. Why can Michael no longer argue with his mother?
Because she was the skipper and she was in charge.

Challenge:

Write your first entry in your Log Book.
What happened to you yesterday?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why do you think the chapter is called 'Water, Water Everywhere'?
Because everything was wet all of the time.
2. Is 'heaving' a good word to describe the sea?
Share the dictionary definition; to lift and move with great effort Listen to pupil's responses.
3. Michael says his school work is a 'conspiracy'. What does he mean?
Mum and Dad had decided that he would do it without even discussing it with him.

Challenge:

Write your second entry in your Log Book.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. What do you think are the main differences between learning at school and learning at sea?
Listen to pupil's responses.
2. Can you think of any other stories that use Log Books or diaries to tell part of the tale?
Listen to pupil's responses.
3. Is this an effective build up?
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage them to refer to the text to explain their answers.

Challenge:

Write your third entry in your Log Book.