

KENSUKE'S KINGDOM

By Michael Morpurgo

Michael's father decides that the family will sail around the world together. Do you think that it would be a good idea for your family to do something like this?

Complete the chart with your reasons FOR and AGAINST.

FOR	AGAINST
<i>It's a really exciting adventure and would be great fun.</i>	<i>It is scary, sailing into the unknown</i>
<i>One long holiday and no school.</i>	<i>Too much Mum and Dad.</i>

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Use this sheet to help you construct a really good essay
arguing for and against the trip.

SAILING AROUND THE WORLD

I am not sure that sailing around the world with my family
would be a good thing to do because.....

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On the other hand.....

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However.....

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One good thing about it would be.....

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Nevertheless.....

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Another point of view is.....

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In conclusion.....

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When you have written this, check your spelling and
punctuation very carefully, and then write it up in neat.

Well done, you have just constructed a very good argument!

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QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER 1

1. Why has Michael decided now to tell his story?

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2. Describe Michael's school days at St Joseph's.

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3. Who are the members of Michael's family?

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4. What do the family do together on the weekends? Can you describe how it makes them feel?

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5. Why do the family stop sailing?

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6. What is the atmosphere like in the house?

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7. What happened to Michael's best friend?

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8. What happens to Michael's father and why?

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9. What do you think happens next?

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10. Describe the father when they meet up again. What sort of mood is he in?

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In Chapter 1 of Kensuke's Kingdom the author, Michael Morpurgo, uses some challenging words.

1. Using a dictionary look up the meaning of the following words and write them in the table.
2. Then write a sentence using the word to show that you understand how to use it.

WORD	MEANING	SENTENCE
revelling		
exhilarating		
gibbered		
savaged		
redundant		
lunacy		
liability		

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QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER 3

1. When Michael and his family first set sail, how many miles a day do they want to do?.....
2. How many miles a day do they actually do?.....
3. What game do Michael's parents play?.....
4. What do they eat?.....
5. What creatures do they see off the coast of Africa?

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6. In November they went to Brazil. Where did they stop?.....
 7. What did Michael do in Brazil?.....
 8. What did they do on Christmas Day?

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9. Describe, in your own words, the incident with Stella Artois.

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10. Write about a time in your life when you have been really frightened.

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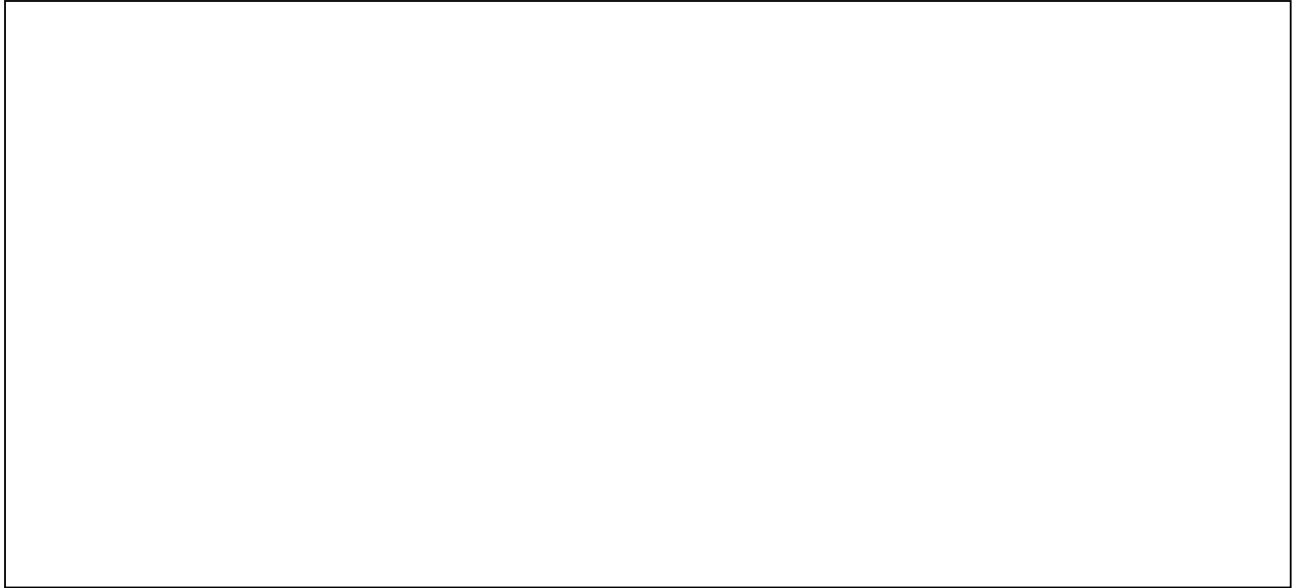
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QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER 4

1. Carefully read the description of the island Michael is living on (page 53) and then draw and label it in the space below.



2. What two things is he desperate to find?
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3. How does Stella's companionship help him during his first two days on the island?
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4. What are the gifts he and Stella Artois are given?
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5. What message does he write on the rock?
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6. Why does Michael want to start a fire? Read page 65 carefully and then give three reasons.
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7. How does Michael start the fire?
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8. What happens to the fire?
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Chapter 5

- a) Using a dictionary look up the meaning of the following words and write them in the table.
- b) Then write a sentence using the word to show that you can use it.

WORD	MEANING	SENTENCE
diminutive		
gesticulating		
predicament		
animosity		
edible		

- How does Stella react towards Kensuke?
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- What does Kensuke suggest to Michael about the way they share the island?
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- Kensuke leaves food and water for Michael and Stella every morning. What does it mean?.....
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Chapter 6

1. Is Kensuke taking care of Michael, or is he a prisoner? Explain your opinion.

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2. What sort of person do you think Michael is? Choose **SIX** of the words in the box below, and write a sentence for each.

brave	cowardly	lonely	determined	happy	sad
confused	clever	sensible	angry	foolish	naughty

I think Michael is..... because.....

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I think Michael is..... because.....

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I think Michael is..... because.....

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I think Michael is..... because.....

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I think Michael is..... because.....

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I think Michael is..... because.....

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3. Do you admire Michael? Try to explain your view.

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4. Are you similar to him? In what way?

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Chapter 7

1. Using a dictionary look up the meaning of the following words and write them in the table.
2. Then write a sentence using the word to show that you can use it

WORD	MEANING	SENTENCE
rudimentary		
erstwhile		
sparsely		
intrigued		
immaculately		

1. List three things Kensuke teaches Michael.
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2. Describe a typical day for Michael and Kensuke.
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3. How do you think Michael now feels about Kensuke, and why?
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4. Carefully read pages 101-102, and then draw a plan of Kensuke's cave on the back of this sheet. You must colour it in and make it look as attractive as possible.

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Chapter 9

1. Using a dictionary look up the meaning of the following words and write them in the table.
2. Then write a sentence using the word to show that you can use it

WORD	MEANING	SENTENCE
reproached		
civil		
recreation		
reconciliation		
trepidation		

1. Describe the atmosphere between Michael and Kensuke at the beginning of the chapter.

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2. What is it that makes Kensuke change his mind about Michael staying on the island?

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3. What developments in the world does Michael describe to Kensuke?

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4. Why does Kensuke decide to leave the island?

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Chapter 10

1. Describe the rain on the island, and the effect it has on Michael and Kensuke.
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2. What happened to the binoculars?
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3. How do Michael and Kensuke save the orang-utans from the poachers?
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4. What do the poachers do on the island?
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5. What were they doing when Kensuke spotted the sail?
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6. What does Michael see that makes him realise it's the *Peggy Sue*?
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7. What are Kensuke's reasons for staying behind?
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8. Do you think that Kensuke has made the right decision? Explain your views.
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9. Is the ending of this book happy or sad? Explain your reasons.
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10. What did you learn about yourself from reading this book?
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Chapter 8

Complete a time line of Kensuke's life, from his birth in Japan until he is in the boat with Michael telling his story; include all the significant events.

Birth in Japan

1. Why does Michael feel that he has to hide his message in the coke bottle?

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2. What were Kensuke's hopes for the future?

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3. What has been lost now, between Michael and Kensuke?

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