Courage, Skill, and Teamwork

Story 11, Tracks 1-4

Review Key Words¹

forge	A forge is a furnace where metal is heated, melted, and then shaped into tools and other useful objects.
brave	Brave means to face a difficult situation with courage.
refuge	A refuge is a place of safety, shelter, or protection from danger or harm.
miserable	Miserable means poor and unpleasant.

Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

In 1864, a ship named the Grafton wrecked near Auckland Island. All five 7 sailors safely reached shore, but their 13 troubles had only begun. 19 They were trapped between Antarctica 23 and New Zealand, 285 miles from 28 civilization, surrounded by rough seas. 34 The island was a miserable refuge. There 39 was little to eat and little relief from the 46 harsh winds and freezing rain. To survive, 55 the men had to work together. 62 They constructed a cabin using 68 materials from the island and wreck; for the 73 chimney, they mixed cement using ashes 81 and sand. They made their own clothes, 87 soap, and ink. They kept their minds busy, 94 teaching each other different languages 102 and skills like reading and writing. A 107 year passed, and they began to lose hope. 114

122	Would nobody come for them? Might they		
129	be stuck there forever?		
133	The men knew they could build a		
140	strong boat with the right tools—they just		
148	needed a forge to make these tools. They		
156	worked hard for six months, building a		
163	forge, crafting tools, and then constructing		
169	a small boat that could carry three men. If		
178	the three men reached safety, they would		
185	send help for the other two. It was finally		
194	time to brave the seas.		
199	Hours after the men set sail, the winds		
207	whipped into a hurricane. Giant waves		
213	crashed over the little boat but didn't sink		
221	it. Stormy weather continued, but after six		
228	days, the three men reached land! In the		
236	end, all five sailors arrived safely home.		
243	Their courage, skill, and teamwork had		
249	saved them.		
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Answer the Questions

- 1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Five shipwrecked sailors worked together to survive and get home.
 - b. Five shipwrecked sailors were trapped on a miserable island.
 - c. Five shipwrecked sailors taught each other different skills.
- 2. What did the sailors need in order to make the tools they used to build the boat?
 - a. ashes and sand
 - b. a forge
 - c. soap and ink
- 3. What does the word **civilization** mean in this story?
 - a. any large area of land
 - b. a land settled with people
 - c. calm weather
- 4. In their first year on the island, how did the sailors hope to get home?
 - a. They hoped to find a civilization on the island.
 - b. They hoped to build a boat and sail home on it.
 - c. They hoped someone would come and find them.

Summarize the Story

5. How did all the sailors make it off the island?

- 6. Match each word or phrase with its definition.
 - 1. crafting a. ____ to stay alive
 - 2. survive b. ____ left on a boat
 - 3. set sail c. ____ making by hand
 - 4. relief d. ____ a powerful wind
 - 5. hurricane storm
 - e. ____ lessening of a harsh situation
- Number the events in chronological order.
 A ship named the Grafton wrecked near
 - Auckland Island.
 - ____ Three of the sailors sent help for the other two.
 - ____ The sailors built a forge.
 - ____ The shipwrecked sailors constructed a cabin.
 - ____ The sailors built a boat.

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