Lesson 1

analogy

a comparison of two things that are alike in some way

excerpt

passage from or part of a larger text

figurative language

words or groups of words that mean something different from the normal meanings of the words

inference

a conclusion or opinion based on evidence

portray

to describe, show, or play the part of something or someone

squire

an English gentleman who owns a large estate or piece of land

bearings

the location or position of something based on information from a compass

sabre

a heavy sword with a sharp, curved edge

cove

a small area along a coast sheltered by hills or mountains

Lesson 1

company

visitors or guests; companionship; a ship's crew and officers

spyglass

a small telescope used to see things in the distance

seafaring

working, traveling, or living on the sea

stroke

a sudden loss of feeling or consciousness brought on by a lack of oxygen in the brain caused by a broken or blocked blood vessel

magistrate

a local government official who has some of the powers of a judge

loot

things that have been stolen

mutiny

a rebellion or uprising against those in charge on a ship

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Lesson 2 & 3

farthing

a coin worth less than a penny formerly used in Great Britain

gargoyle

a stone carving of a strange figure used as decoration on a building, usually a cathedral or Gothic structure

ensue

to follow right after another event

impending

about to occur

scarper

to flee or run away

stun

to shock or amaze

buccaneer

a pirate

bulk

most; the larger part of something

cache

a hiding place for supplies or treasures

Lesson 2 & 3

hummock

a rounded hill or mound

fathom

a length of about six feet used to measure water depth

cabin boy

someone hired to wait on the passengers and crew of a ship

ransack

to search thoroughly, causing damage or disorder

schooner

a sailing ship with two or more masts

Lesson 4

coach

a horse-drawn carriage with four wheels

quay

a dock; an area at the edge of a waterway where ships land, load, and unload

shroud

to cover or conceal

captivate

o fascinate or capture one's attention

deduce

to figure out or draw a conclusion

brim

to become full or overflowing

scoundrel

a wicked or disreputable person

nautical

relating to the sea or sailors

berth

an area below deck where crew members would sleep

Lesson 6

league

a unit of length about 3 miles long

squall

a sudden, powerful wind with rain, snow, or sleet

maroon

to abandon someone on an island

duplicity

dishonest behavior meant to trick someone

predicament

a difficult or dangerous situation

Lesson 8

outlandish

odd, unusual, bizarre

dell

a small, secluded valley with trees and grass

treacherous

dangerous or difficult to handle

shipwreck

to cause a passenger or crew member to experience the destruction of a ship

desolate

lacking people, plants, animals, and other things that make a place feel welcoming

Union Jack

the official flag of Great Britain

stockade

a barrier made of upright posts used for protection or defense

scout

to explore an area to find information about it

Lesson 9

truce

an agreement between enemies to stop fighting for a certain period of time

desertion

a departure without permission and without intending to return; the act of giving up and ignoring responsibilities

onslaught

an attack

cutlass

a short, thick sword with a curved blade

excursion

a short trip

craft

a ship or boat

Lesson 10

lash

to tie down with a rope or cord

pretext

a pretend reason given to hide one's true reason for doing something

treachery

a betrayal; an act of hurting someone who trusts you

unison

agreement; the same way at the same time

right

to correct or put in an upright position

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Lesson 11 & 12

taunt

to make fun of or tease

ringleader

the leader of a group that causes trouble or gets involved in illegal activity

insolence

rude behavior or speech

scurvy

mean; not worthy of respect

hostage

a person held prisoner until another group or person meets demands

depose

to remove someone from office or a high rank

Lesson 13

superstitious

having irrational fears about mysterious things or the unknown

well-being

the state of being happy, healthy, and comfortable

excavation

a place in the ground where material has been dug up and removed

guinea

a gold coin formerly used in Great Britain

ambush

to make a surprise attack

doubloon

a gold coin formerly used in Spain or Spanish America

moidore

a gold coin formerly used in Portugal or Brazil

sequin

a gold coin formerly used in Venice, Malta, or Turkey