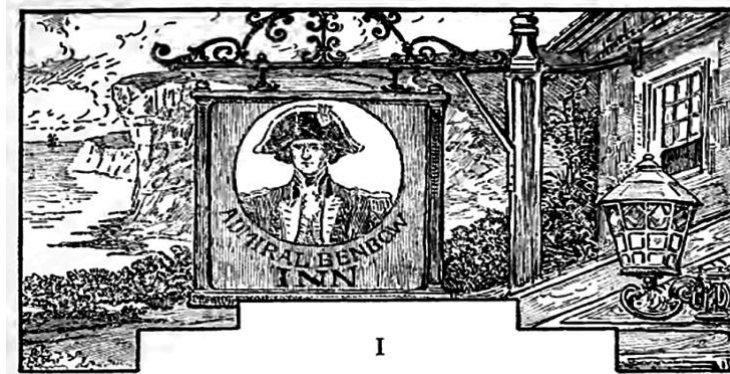


## Treasure Island –reading worksheet- [Listen](#)

### 1. The Old Sea-dog at the Admiral Benbow



*Squire Trelawney and Doctor Livesey have asked me to write down about Treasure Island, from the beginning to the end. My name is Jim Hawkins and my story starts in the year 1757, when I was thirteen years old.*

*At that time, my family lived in a remote cove on the Cornish coast. My father was the innkeeper of the “Admiral Benbow”.*

*Few people visited but one morning an old seaman arrived...*

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I remember him as if it were yesterday.

He came plodding to the inn door, his sea-chest following behind him in a handbarrow. He was a tall, strong, heavy, nut-brown man, with a pigtail falling over the shoulder of his soiled blue coat. His hands were rough and scarred, with black, broken nails. Across one cheek was a thick white scar.

He looked around the cove, whistling to himself. Then he started singing that old sea-song - the one he sang so often afterwards:

*Fifteen men on the dead man's chest—  
Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!*

Then he rapped on the door with a stick that he carried. When my father appeared, he said, “Give me a glass of rum.”

The seaman drank his rum slowly. He continued looking about him, at the cliffs and up at our sign.

“Nice grog-shop you’ve got here, mate,” he told my father. “How’s business?”

“Not good,” said my father. “We don’t get many guests.”



“Well, then,” said he, “I’ll stay here a bit.”

“How long were you thinking of-”

Throwing down three or four gold pieces, the seaman said, “You can tell me when I’ve worked through that.”

“Right. And -”

“I’m a plain man,” interrupted the seaman. Despite his rough appearance and dirty clothes, it was clear that he was used to giving orders. “Rum and bacon and eggs are what I want. And a room at the top to watch the ships from.”

“And your name, sir?”

“Just call me captain.”

### Quick Check: True or False

1. The seaman arrives on a horse
2. Jim’s father is a sea captain.
3. The Admiral Benbow is a busy inn.
4. The seaman likes rum and eggs
5. The seaman gives Jim’s father some gold coins.

### Comprehension

1. Describe the seaman’s physical appearance. (max 25 words)
2. Name three things seaman does.
3. What does the seaman use to knock on the door?

### Vocabulary: Complete the table with words from the text

Word	Definition
	Strong alcoholic drink
	Box to store things
	Mark from cut on skin
	Not smooth
	Sound made with lips

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