



Pirate Pete

Pirate Pete was a pirate. He was captain of a ship called Floaty Magoo. He was looking for buried treasure on a deserted island. It wasn't going very well so far.

The deserted island was sweltering. Pirate Pete was desperate for a drink. He looked at the treasure map. It had been given to him by a strange old man. Pirate Pete wasn't sure whether he trusted the map. The old man had laughed when he'd paid for it.

So far, the map had caused Pirate Pete to get lost. The man had said to head for the second star on the right. He was then supposed to go straight until the sun came up. There were lots of stars in the sky, and he'd had no idea which one was the second on the right.

He might have found the wrong island. The stretch of sand in front of him looked abandoned. Palm trees waved at him from the shore. On the other hand, there was a large X scratched into the sand. Pirate Pete looked at the map. There was an X there as well. A dotted line led away into a patch of palm trees.

VIPERS QUESTIONS

- V** Which word tells you that people might have lived there but have left it now?
- V** What does the phrase "palm trees waved at him" tell you about how they moved?
- I** Why is it important that there was an X on the map?

Pirate Pete looked at the island. He saw the patch of palm trees in the distance. Maybe this was the right island? There was only one way to tell.

VIPERS QUESTIONS

- P** What do you think the only way to tell was?

Pirate Pete jumped from the boat and splashed through the crystal-clear waves. He raced onto the beach and stood on the enormous X. There wasn't a dotted line on the beach, but he could still see the group of trees.

VIPERS QUESTIONS

I Do you think Pirate Pete would have been able to see his feet in the sea? Why?

V Which word tells you how big or small the X was?

S What did Pirate Pete do after he ran through the sea?

V Find a word that tells you where the parrots were.

Sand flew up from his feet. Parrots squawked overhead. Pirate Pete reached the palm trees and looked around. There was a wooden chest in the middle of the trees. He lifted the lid and looked inside. A golden glow lit up his face. His eyes widened, and his mouth hung open.

VIPERS QUESTIONS

P What do you think Pirate Pete found in the chest? Why?



Answers:

V: Abandoned

V: They swayed

I: It means he might have the right island

P: Any prediction that talks about going to investigate

I: Yes. It was crystal-clear

V: Enormous

S: He stood on the X

V: Overhead

P: Accept any ideas that link to the text - the most obvious link would be gold from the golden glow.