Barnacle Bill's Boat Basics

4 Respect for the Sea

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- Prepare your equipment (vests, buoys and flares) for every eventuality.
- Don a safety harness when up on deck; boats can veer
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 thrashin' beneath 'em.

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 - Plot a course for where you're off to; point the compass to where ye need to be and get your bearings.
- Steer the boat in the direction ye want to go and Keep it on
 course. Even ten degrees off course will send ye to a whole
 different destination!

Quick Questions

1. Which piece of equipment does Barnacle Bill suggest using to navigate? Tick one.
buoys
safety harness
flares

compass

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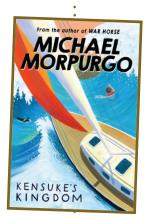
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2. Explain why the author has used the words 'roaring' and 'thrashin' to describe the ocean.

Pupils' own responses, such as: The author has used the words 'roaring' and 'thrashin' because these words emphasise, like animals that roar and thrash, how wild and dangerous the ocean can be.





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plot a course

4. How does the organisation of this text help the reader to better understand the information?

Pupils' own responses, such as: This text is organised in sections, with headings and bullet points that separate the information into organised ideas, which help the reader to efficiently find out what they need.

