



# INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Subject : English

Topic : **We're Not Afraid to Die.....  
If We Can All Be Together**

Worksheet No : 4

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		Marks
	<b><u>Short answer questions 30-40 words each</u></b>	
1.	<p>Why did the author and his wife go for a sea voyage and how did they prepare for it?</p> <p>The author and his wife wanted to duplicate the round the world voyage made 200 years earlier by Captain James Cook.. They got a large boat especially designed and professionally built for this purpose. They had been making formidable preparations for the last 16 years in the rough British waters.</p>	3
2.	<p>What precautions did the narrator take when huge waves struck the boat on January 2 ?</p> <p>Huge waves came rolling towards the boat . The howling of gales and spray was painful to the ears. First of all, they decided to slow down the boat . The storm jib was dropped. Heavy mooring ropes were looped across the stern. They went through their life-raft drill and attached lifelines. Oilskins and life-jackets were donned. Larry and Herb were continuously pumping out water like madmen.</p>	3
3.	<p>Who were Larry and Herb? What role did they play?</p> <p>Before heading east from Cape Town, the narrator employed two crewmen, Larry Vigil and Herb Seigler. They were to help them to tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the Southern Indian Ocean. They did their job quite well.</p>	3
4.	<p>How did Sue hurt herself and how did she bear the injury?</p> <p>The narrator crawled into the children's cabin to find out if they were safe. Sue told him that her head was hurt a bit. He saw a big bump over her eyes. Sue's head had swollen alarmingly. But she didn't want to worry them when they were trying to save them all.</p>	3
5.	<p>Why did Jonathan ask for a hug and called him the best daddy and the best captain in the world?</p> <p>The children were excited. They saw the island before the narrator. Jonathan asked if he could have a hug. The narrator was surprised. His son declared that he was 'the best daddy in the whole world and the best captain'. The narrator replied: 'Not today'. Suddenly , the children shouted that the island was in front of them and it was as big as a battleship.</p>	3
6.	<p>Describe Ile Amsterdam.How did its inhabitants behave with the newcomers?</p> <p>Ile Amsterdam was a French base. It was a black piece of volcanic rock. It had little vegetation but still it appeared to be the most beautiful island in the world. They anchored offshore for the night. The next morning all 28 inhabitants of the island cheered them and helped them ashore.</p>	3
	<b><u>Long answer question 100-120 words.</u></b>	

1.	<p>What do you think of the narrator as a captain? How did the crew and the family members show courage during distress?</p> <p>This is a story of human endurance, selflessness and courage in the face of adversity. The captain shows exemplary courage that makes us call him a really good person. He was able to think rationally, prioritize and recall important information under distress. He was able to recall the backup electric pump, waterproofed the ship and performed repairs as required, identified nearest land and performed intense calculations despite the lack of proper equipment, did not convey his fears to his crew and presented a confident face throughout enhancing the morale of his team.</p> <p>The narrator’s family and crew showed unconditional team spirit during adversity. His wife helped with the navigation of the ship while his children offered moral support. The crew members Larry and Herm worked tirelessly and did not abandon ship.</p> <p>Despite their young years, Jonathan and Suzanne showed courage and optimistic fervor. Suzanne did not bother her parents with her injuries no matter how extensive they were. She also made a card for her parents to show her love and gratitude. Jonathan claimed he was not afraid even to die if he were with his family.</p>	6
	<b><u>Practice questions</u></b>	
1.	Why and when did the captain send ‘May day calls? What was the response(30-40 words)	3
2.	How can you say that Suzanne’s injuries were serious? (30-40 words)	3
3.	‘We’re Not Afraid ti Die’ is a saga of patience and bravery. Comment.(100-120 words)	6