Vocabulary List for *Kensuke's Kingdom*

Vocabulary from the Story

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Voyage	A long journey by sea	Michael began an incredible voyage around the world.
Yacht	A boat used for sailing	The family travelled on their yacht, Peggy Sue.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water	Michael woke up on a deserted island.
Castaway	A person stranded after a shipwreck	Michael became a castaway.
Survival	Staying alive in difficult conditions	Survival depended on finding food and water.
Tsunami	A huge sea wave caused by an earthquake	Kensuke survived a tsunami many years before.
Shipwreck	The destruction of a ship at sea	Michael was separated from his family after the shipwreck.
Companion	A person who spends time with another	Kensuke became Michael's companion.
Isolation	Being alone and separated from others	Michael struggled with isolation at first.
Rescue	To save someone from danger	Michael hoped for rescue from the island.
Lagoon	A shallow area of water separated from the sea	The lagoon was calm and clear.
Canopy	The upper layer of leaves in a forest	Monkeys leapt through the canopy.
Tropical	Relating to hot, humid regions	The island had a tropical climate.
Coral	Hard material formed by sea creatures	Colourful coral could be seen underwater.
Schooner	A sailing ship with two or more masts	Michael saw a schooner on the horizon.

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Mast	A tall pole that supports sails	The mast swayed in the storm.
Kimono	A traditional Japanese robe	Kensuke wore a simple kimono.
Calligraphy	Decorative handwriting	Kensuke practised calligraphy.
Ancestors	Family members from the past	Kensuke often thought about his ancestors.
Emperor	The ruler of Japan	Kensuke spoke about the Emperor.
Stern	The back of a ship	Michael stood at the stern watching the sea.
Bow	The front of a ship	Waves crashed against the bow.
Forage	To search for food	They foraged for fruit in the forest.
Endure	To suffer through something difficult	Michael had to endure loneliness.

Descriptive Vocabulary

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Desolate	Empty and lonely	Michael felt desolate after the storm.
Lush	Growing thickly and healthily	Lush vegetation covered the island.
Treacherous	Dangerous and difficult	The treacherous rocks threatened boats.
Majestic	Grand and impressive	Majestic turtles swam through the water.
Solitary	Alone	Kensuke lived a solitary life.
Dense	Thick and crowded	The dense forest was difficult to cross.
Serene	Peaceful and calm	The lagoon looked serene at sunset.

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Resourceful	Good at solving problems	Michael became resourceful while surviving.

Action Words

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Drift	To move slowly on water	Michael drifted away from the yacht.
Clamber	To climb awkwardly	He clambered onto the beach.
Scavenge	To search for useful items	Michael scavenged for food.
Navigate	To find a route	Kensuke could navigate the island easily.
Endure	To suffer through something difficult	They had to endure storms and loneliness.
Preserve	To protect and keep safe	Kensuke worked to preserve the island's wildlife.
Shelter	To protect from danger or weather	They sheltered from the rain.
Observe	To watch carefully	Michael observed the animals closely

Feelings Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Terrified	Extremely frightened	Michael was terrified after falling overboard.
Lonely	Sad because you are alone	He felt lonely on the island.
Hopeful	Believing something good will happen	Michael remained hopeful of seeing his family again.
Frustrated	Annoyed because something is difficult	He became frustrated when he could not communicate.
Relieved	Happy because a worry has ended	Michael felt relieved when Kensuke helped him.

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Compassionate	Showing kindness and care	Kensuke was compassionate towards injured animals.