

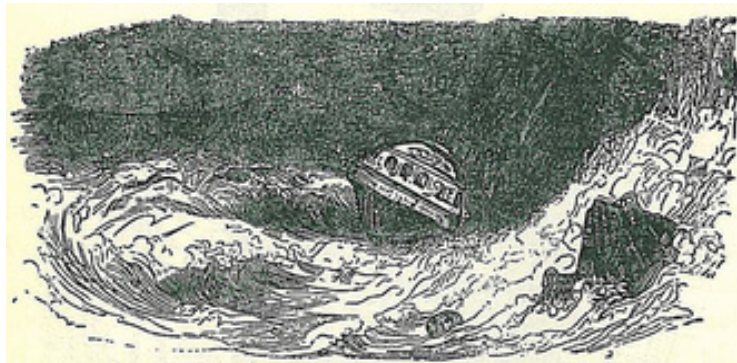
## Gulliver's Travels - Reading/Vocabulary Worksheet

### 1. Voyage to Lilliput - Shipwrecked

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1699 our ship *Antelope* sailed from Bristol. For a few weeks everything went well. Then we sailed into a terrible storm.

We were blown off course and ended up north of Tasmania. We had no food and little water. Sickness spread and twelve crew members died.

We finally saw land - but the terrible weather meant our ship could not land. The captain decided to send a rowboat to find a safe harbour.



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Six of us climbed into the small boat. We began to row into the storm. Our little boat bounced on the big waves. In the moonlight we could see land in the distance. We rowed faster.

Then an enormous wave crashed into the boat. We all fell into the sea. I went under the water. When I came up again the boat was gone. So were all my crewmates.

I grabbed a piece of wood and swam. My arms and legs hurt but somehow I kept going. Just when I could swim no more, the sea became shallow. Now my feet could touch the sand below me. Before me I could see the shape of land.

I waded ashore. I could not see the shape of any buildings in the moonlight. Where was this island? I knew it was not marked on any of our maps.

I walked further inland. Still there was nobody around. Soon I felt very tired. I lay down on the soft short grass and closed my eyes.

When I awoke it was daylight. I lay still for a moment, wondering where I was. Then I tried to get up. But I could not move my legs or my arms. I could not even adjust my head. I was tied to the ground.

Around me I could hear a buzzing noise. I could not see what was making it.

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### Quick Check Questions – True or false?

1. Gulliver sails from London
2. The journey starts badly
3. The ship encounters bad weather
4. The *Antelope* is shipwrecked near Australia.
5. They have water after the storm.
6. More than ten people die on the ship.
7. Sixteen men leave the *Antelope* in a small boat.
8. Gulliver falls into the sea
9. Gulliver does not know where he is.
10. Gulliver sees insects around him

### Vocabulary

Find words or phrases in the text that match these definitions

1. Very bad weather, with strong winds etc *para 1*
2. Illness
3. Staff of a ship
4. A place where a ship can safely reach land.
5. Far away

### Fill in the gaps with the words below

Just when I could a) ----- no more, the sea became shallow. Now my feet could b)-----the sand below me. I waded c) ----- . Where was I? This d)---- was not marked on our e) ----

**ashore \* maps \* island \* swim \* touch**

### Writing: *When I awoke...*

1. Gulliver lies down on the grass and falls asleep. Write his diary entry
  - 1) What he discovers when he wakes up
  - 2) What he can see and hear around him.