# Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo

## <u>Lesson 1</u>

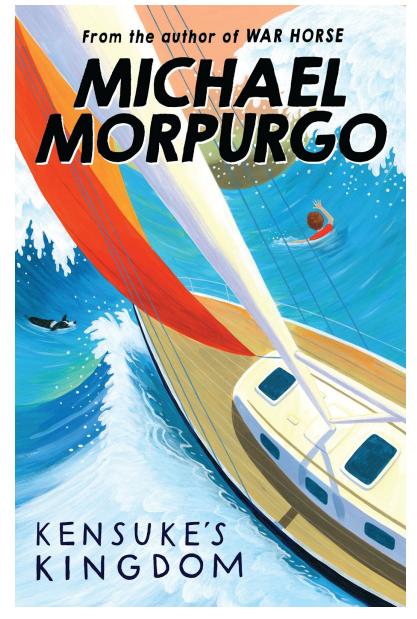
## Before reading...

Look at the front cover.

- What do you think the book will be about?
- What things can you see on the front cover?
- What sort of story will it be?
- Who might enjoy it?

#### Now read the blurb...

- Were any of your predictions correct?



## **Comprehension**

#### Chapter 1: Peggy Sue

- 1. Michael disappeared in 1988, why did it take so long for him to tell the world about what happened?
- 2. Why has Michael finally decided to tell all about what happened?
- 3. Who lived in his house, before his disappearance?
- 4. What was his early life like, what did he used to do every day?
- 5. Why did his Dad call his school the 'monkey school'?
- 6. Why did his team win so easily when they played on his pitch?
- 7. Why were Sundays special?
- 8. Where did his parents work?
- 9. Why did they like sailing so much?
- 10. What was he better at than his parents?
- 11. Why didn't they go sailing anymore?
- 12. What was the big upset that happened to Michael?
- 13. Why did his Mum not want to go?
- 14. What is the name of the boat?
- 15. How long did they intend to be away?
- 16. What was given to Michael as a lucky mascot? What was so special about the lucky mascot?

### Chapter 2: Water, Water Everywhere

- 1. When the sun shone what did they used to do?
- 2. What was a real luxury?
- 3. Was there much to do for the three of them on board?
- 4. Who was allowed to be idle?
- 5. What animals did Stella see?
- 6. What would they all do when they saw sea animals?
- 7. Why did they sometimes find Stella annoying?
- 8. Why did they not regret bringing Stella?
- 9. What else would he keep close by him and why?
- 10. What did Michael hope his parents would forget?
- 11. Why did it make sense to have only one person in charge on the boat?
- 12. What subjects did he study?
- 13. Why did he find it easy to write his log?

### Chapter 3: Ship's Log

- 1. Why wouldn't Michaels' parents let him take the watch through the Channel?
- 2. What do his parents do together? And who's winning?
- 3. What is Michael sick of already?
- 4. What will be the problem if they sail off course?
- 5. What did M have to write and draw about even though he hadn't seen it?
- 6. What does Stella love to do?
- 7. What did he call his football side when they played on the beach?
- 8. What were the only English words the Brazilians knew?
- 9. What did they do on Christmas Day?
- 10. What was Michael given?
- 11. Why did he give his parents a coin?
- 12. What was so special about the island of St Helena?
- 13. What were they going to do in Africa?
- 14. What terrible thing happened to Stella when they had left Africa?
- 15. How many times did the boat go by before she was picked up?
- 16. How long did they stay in Australia?
- 17. What animals etc did he see in Australia?
- 18. What was it like after they left Sydney?
- 19. How do you think Michael felt?
- 20. How did Michael fall in?

## **Vocabulary**

- 1. deceive
- 2. reservoir
- 3. skipper
- 4. exhilarating
- 5. ship's log
- 6. galley
- 7. laid off
- 8. redundant
- 9. fanatic
- 10. undisputed
- 11. legible
- 12. haul
- 13. adamant
- 14. talisman
- 15. gale
- 16. damp
- 17. idle
- 18. veer
- 19. pitch
- 20. winch
- 21. prance
- 22. elated
- 23. cacophony
- 24. surreptitious
- 25. reluctant

# HOMEWORK

How does Morpurgo make the **opening** of the story **exciting**?

# OR

Write a **short story** using **at least 5 new words** (above) that we learned from these chapters.