

After 66 days at sea, a sailor shouted from the top of the mast. I ran to the deck and looked for the first time at this strange, new land. It was beautiful and much more peaceful than our old home. I couldn't see any people on the beach.



We found a bay with deep water for the ship. Near the bay there was a meadow surrounded by huge trees and clean rivers.

It was a long, cold winter and many people were sick. We lived on the ship and every day we worked very hard. Eventually our new village was finished.



## Activities

**5** Imagine you are on the *Mayflower*. Work with a classmate and write a list of four things you need to do on land.

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....

Then at the beginning of March, we moved into our new village. It was so good to leave that cold, smelly ship and move into our new houses. Our houses were small and cozy with vegetable gardens for our food.

Some weeks later, a man walked into the village. He was very tall and strong with long, black hair.



Mother said to me, 'Bring him some food and water!' The man's name was Samoset. He was a native from the Wampanoag people. Later he came back with more people from the Wampanoag village. They taught us a lot and helped us to survive.

## Activities

**6** Complete the table with adjectives from this page.

The ship	The houses	Samoset	Samoset's hair

**7**  Think of more adjectives for these words. Discuss your ideas with a classmate.



The adventure of the Mayflower is historical fiction.

1 Tick three features of the story.

a) The story is based on real events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	d) The story is told in the first person.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) The story is about modern life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	e) Some of the characters are fictional.	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) The story is very funny.	<input type="checkbox"/>	f) The story has a sad ending.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Match the questions to the answers.

a) Why did Mary and her family leave England?

They didn't like the food in England.

They had problems with the English laws.

b) What did Mary know about the New World?

She knew the names of the rivers.

She didn't know much about it.

c) What did Samoset know about England?

He knew some words in English.

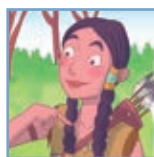
He could read in English.

3 Draw lines to show the relationships. Label the lines and then circle the main character.

mother

father

friend





3 September 1620

Today was a special day. Finally we arrived in Plymouth and I saw the Mayflower for the first time!! It's a magnificent ship with three huge masts and many small windows.

After lunch, Mother and I went to buy some more things for the journey. Plymouth is a large town with many shops and we found everything we needed. At the market Mother bought chickens so that we can have fresh eggs on the journey.

I went to bed early but I can't sleep. It's very noisy here and I'm so excited!

**1**  **Work in pairs. Read Mary's diary and find:**

an event.

an explanation.

a description.

an opinion.

a fact.

**2** **Choose a place and list events from the story. Ask a friend about the other place.**



The ship



The village
