



The Jolly Roger

It's a lovely summer day. Anne Sophie is sitting on the **harbour** wall in Sennen Cove, Cornwall. **i** She is writing a postcard to her family in Heidelberg.

*Wednesday, 9th July, 2014. Dear Mum and Dad, I am writing to you in English **for practice** :-) My au pair job is still going well. Mr and Mrs Barber are very friendly. The children are **noisy** but sweet! This week we are on holiday in Cornwall. It's very beautiful here **at the seaside**...*



harbour	Hafen
for practice	zum Üben
noisy	laut
at the seaside	an der Küste
except (for)	bis auf, außer
sailor	Matrose
pipe	Tabakspfeife

It's so peaceful, she thinks. There is no one else at the harbour, **except for** an old man who is cleaning one of the yachts. He looks like an old **sailor** with his cap and **pipe**. She sees that the boats have names painted on the side, like

Sea Horse, Mary Jane and **The Jolly Roger** How nice! she thinks and stands up to take a photo.

Just at that moment a man jumps from the deck of the

Cornwall ist der südwestlichste Landesteil Englands und ein beliebtes Urlaubsziel. Raue, steile Felsen, die sich mit langen Stränden und malerischen Buchten (Engl. **cove**) abwechseln, prägen die Küstenlandschaft.





Jolly Roger and **runs past** Anne Sophie. He is carrying a large bag which **bumps** her leg. It makes a sound like metal and it hurts.

"Ouch! Hey, watch where you're going!" Anne Sophie shouts.

But the man doesn't stop running.

Anne Sophie finishes her postcard and starts to leave. She walks past the old sailor, who is still working hard. A red sports car drives into the harbour car park. A man **in his mid-40s** gets out of the car. He is wearing expensive sailing clothes and sunglasses.

"Hey, George! Is my boat ready?" he shouts to the old sailor.

"**Aye, aye**, Mr Hartley. I checked it this morning."

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Totenkopfflagge, wörtl.: der fröhliche Roger

to run past

vorbeirennen

to bump

anrempeIn

in his mid-40s

Mitte vierzig

↵ **Aye, aye!**

Jawohl! Zu Befehl!

Exercise 1: Opposites. Wie lautet das Gegenteil der folgenden Adjektive?

- 1. small _____ *large* _____
- 2. peaceful _____
- 3. friendly _____
- 4. cheap _____

At 7 p.m. on the same day, Jake Smith is sailing out to sea. He likes fishing in the evening when the tourist boats are



mainland England	das englische Festland
in the distance	in der Ferne
binoculars <i>pl</i>	Fernglas
coastguard	Küstenwache
to capsize	kentern
lifeboat	Rettungsboot
to set	<i>hier</i> : untergehen

gone. He sails round Land's End, the most westerly point of **mainland England**, and away from the coast. After a while he sees something **in the distance**. He picks up his **binoculars** and sees a yacht that is lying on its

side. Its big white sail is lying in the water. He sails closer.

"Hello! Are you alright? Is anyone there?" he shouts.

But there is no answer. Jake takes out his mobile phone. ¹

"Land's End **Coastguard** Station, McGregor here!"

"It's Jake Smith here. I have found a yacht in trouble. It has **capsized**."

"OK, Jake, tell me where you are and we will come quickly in the **lifeboat**."

Jake waits by the capsized yacht. He smokes a cigarette and watches the sun **setting** over the sea. Soon he hears the lifeboat coming. It's getting dark now. Liam McGregor, the coastguard **rescue officer** takes out his **torch**. He searches the boat, but there is no one there.

"Help me lift the sail out of the water," he says to his partner, Sam Nolan.

The two men move over to the other side of the boat and lift the heavy sail. Under it they find a **body** in the water.

"Good God, I know him!" shouts Jake in shock.

Im Englischen wird das Wort **handy** nur als Adjektiv verwendet (praktisch, handlich) und nicht als Bezeichnung für ein Mobiltelefon (*mobile phone*).



Exercise 2: True or false? Welche Aussagen sind korrekt? Markieren Sie mit richtig ✓ oder falsch - !

1. Jake likes fishing when it is quiet.
2. He sees something far away.
3. He calls the police.
4. Liam McGregor works alone.
5. Jake reads a book while he is waiting.

It's breakfast time at the Sea View B&B¹ at Sennen Cove. Mrs Smith, the **landlady**, is carrying tea and toast into the dining room.

"Did you hear about the sailing **accident**?" she asks the Barbers. "It was on the local radio news this morning. Last night a yacht capsized and

Als **Bed and Breakfast** (kurz: **B&B**) bezeichnet man eine Unterkunft bei Privatleuten, in deren Preis immer ein warmes Frühstück enthalten ist.



a man died. My husband found his boat."

"How **terrible**!" says Mrs Barber. "Was it a tourist?"

"No, he was called Roger Hartley. He lived here as a boy. But he **moved** to London as a young man and **went into business**. They say he was very rich!"



rescue officer	Rettungshelfer(in)
torch	Taschenlampe
body	<i>hier:</i> Leiche
landlady	Wirtin
accident	Unglück
terrible	furchtbar
to move	<i>hier:</i> umziehen
to go into business	ein Geschäft gründen

"How did the accident happen?" asks Mr Barber.