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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What do you think might happen to Stefan next?
Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. I think that Stefan will have to work onboard the pirate ship.



2. How might Stefan have been feeling at the start of the story? Give evidence from the text.
Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. Stefan would have been unhappy and cold because it says he was starting to shiver.



3. What was in the crate that Stefan hid in?
potatoes and straw



4. *'I was soaked to the skin...'*
What does this phrase mean?
Accept any answer relating to the meaning of the sentence being that Stefan was wet through and his clothes were saturated.