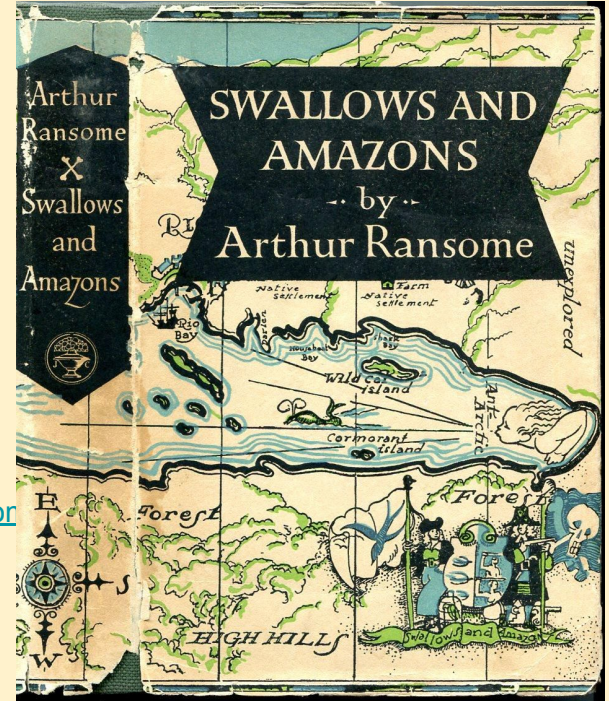


Swallows and Amazons

Arthur Ransome

Up to 'but a sailing voyage of discovery seemed worth thinking about.' (page 7)

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/1251/Swallows-and-Amazons-by-Arthur-Ransome>



Quick Start

1. What was Roger pretending to be as he was crossing the fields?
2. Who was waiting for Roger with a telegram?
3. Tell me the name that their father used to call people who drown.
4. What name did Titty give to the highest peak?
5. When did Roger have to be home and why?
6. Where did the children want to journey to?

Vocabulary Check

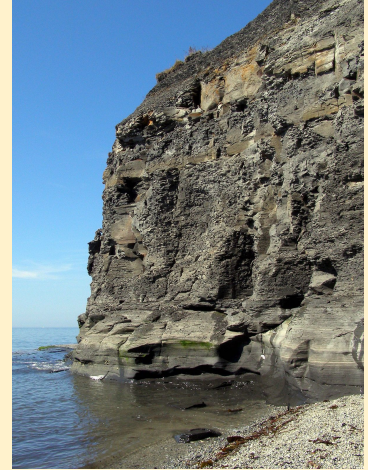
- capered - *skip or dance in a lively, happy way*



- duffers - *a derogatory term used for a incompetent or stupid person*
- hedge - *a fence or boundary formed by bushes or shrubs*

Vocabulary Check

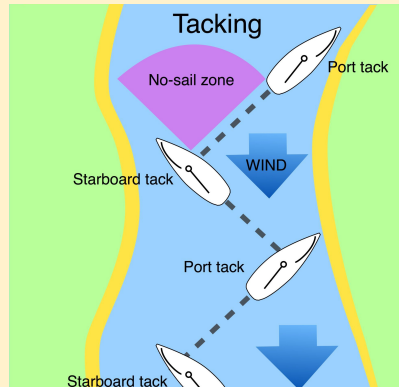
- peak in Darien - *the pointed top of a mountain or highland*



- promontory (promontories) - *a point of high land that juts out into the sea or a large lake; a headland.*

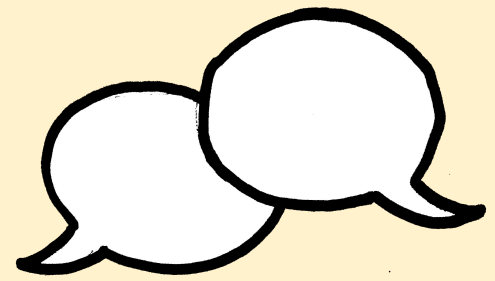
Vocabulary Check

- broad tack (tacking) - *a manoeuvre where a ship zig-zags so it can sail in a direction into the wind*



- telegram - *an old style point to point message sent over long-distance using wires and then delivered directly to your door.*

Partnered Talk

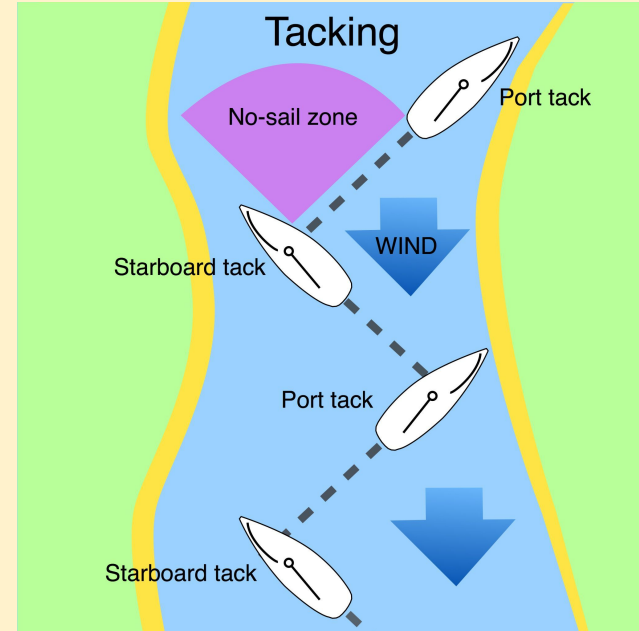


The author describes Roger as
'tacking' up and down the fields.

Why is Roger moving in such a way?

Why do you think the author has
included this detail in the story?

Explain your answer in full
sentences.



Individual Thinking



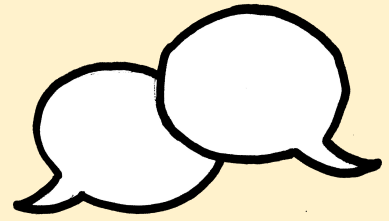
Roger's telegram from his father read:

*'BETTER DROWNED THAN DUFFERS IF NOT
DUFFERS WON'T DROWN.'*

Explain the meaning of his message.

How could you re-write the message but retain the
same meaning?

Partnered Talk



Do you think Roger and the children should have been allowed to sail to the island on their own?

Discuss with your partner.

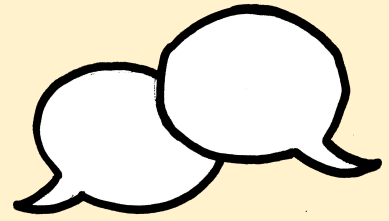
Individual Thinking



‘They had been looking at it for ten days, but the telegram had made it much more real than ever it had been before.’

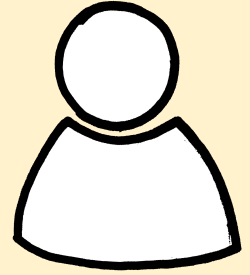
How could the telegram make the island ‘more real’?

Partnered Talk



Working with your partner, make a prediction about why the children are so eager to visit the island.

Solo Work



What impression of the family do you get from the extract of Chapter One?

You will receive marks similar to a SATS style question:

Two impressions = 1 mark

Two impressions + evidence for one = 2 marks

One or two impressions + two piece of evidence = 3 marks