

Robert Louis Stevenson

The Rajah's Diamond

KEY TO THE EXERCISES

About the author

Page 6 – exercise 1

1850: Stevenson was born

1878: publishes first book

1876: meets his future wife

1880: gets married

1883: publishes *Treasure Island*

1886: Stevenson's masterpiece is published

1889: Stevenson lives on the island of Upolu

1888-1894: lives a happy life in the South Seas

1894: Stevenson dies

Before you read

Page 9 – exercise 9

1 C 2 B 3 C 4 A 5 C

CHAPTER ONE

Go back to the text

Page 18 – exercise 1

1 A 2 D 3 D 4 C 5 B

Page 19 – exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 20 – exercise 3

1 difficult 2 dishonest 3 loud, angry
4 shy, brave 5 kind

Before you read

Page 20 – exercise 1

1 A 2 A 3 A 4 B 5 B 6 A 7 A 8 B

CHAPTER TWO

Go back to the text

Page 26 – exercise 1

- 1 He closed the curtains and sat down at the table.
- 2 He gave him the smaller pile of diamonds.
- 3 He told him to leave and not come there again, then pushed him into the street.
- 4 Because Harry fell to the ground, the diamonds fell from his pocket and a man picked most of them and ran off.
- 5 He had to tell his story to a police inspector.
- 6 Because he knew that Mr Raeburn was a dishonest man.

7 It helped him find out how Harry got into the garden.

8 Because he noticed something buried under the roses.

Tapescript

Page 26 – Listening Activity

Police inspector: What is your name?

Harry: Harry Hartley.

Police inspector: What do you do?

Harry: I'm Sir Thomas Vandeleur's private secretary.

Police inspector: Why are you here?

Harry: I'm here because Sir Thomas Vandeleur accuses me of stealing his wife's diamond jewels. But I didn't do it!

Police inspector: Why don't you tell me what happened?

Harry: It all started when Lady Vandeleur gave me a hatbox one morning. She told me to take it to a man she knows. She said I had to get a receipt for it before leaving the hatbox at the man's house.

Police inspector: Did she tell you what was in the hatbox?

Harry: No, she didn't. Since it was none of my business, I didn't ask.

Police inspector: Go on, then.

Harry: I took the hatbox and decided to walk through Kensington Gardens. There I saw Sir Thomas, who was very angry. He even tried to hit me with his walking stick!

Police inspector: Why didn't you try to find a policeman after Sir Thomas attacked you?

Harry: Who would believe my word against Sir Thomas's?

Police inspector: You have a point there. Now, go on.

Harry: Well, I got away, but then I got lost. I became very frightened when I heard Lady Vandeleur's brother calling me. So I climbed over

someone's garden wall to get away.
Police inspector: What happened then?

Harry: A man angrily demanded why I was on his property. Then he noticed the hatbox on the ground. It opened during my fall. That's when I saw the hatbox had diamonds in it.

Police inspector: Was this a shock to you?

Harry: Yes, it was. I still don't understand how Lady Vandeleur could do such a thing.

Police inspector: Then what did the man do?

Harry: He took me inside with him and said we could divide the diamonds. He said that if I didn't do as he said, he would take me to the police station.

Police inspector: That must have frightened you.

Harry: Yes, it did. I had no choice but to take half of the diamonds and leave.

Police inspector: Then what did you do?

Harry: I went back to Sir Thomas's house and he made me come here with him. I tell you, I'm innocent!

Police inspector: I must admit, you do seem to be telling the truth, Mr

Hartley. But there's only one way to find out if what you say is true. We must go back to that man's house together. If the facts fit your story, then I'll know you're not lying, Mr Hartley. And now, let's be off!

Page 26 – exercise 2

1 Harry Hartley 2 private secretary
3 Sir Thomas Vandeleur 4 stealing Sir Vandeleur's wife's diamond jewels
5 Sir Thomas Vandeleur 6 morning
7 innocent 8 He didn't know what was in the hatbox. 9 Because he was afraid the police wouldn't believe him. 10 yes.



Page 27 — exercise 3

1 landlord 2 piles 3 curtains 4 bills
5 material 6 velvet

Page 27 — exercise 4

- the inspector — To see if what Harry says is true.
- the man — Because he doesn't want anybody else to see the diamonds.
- Mr Rolles — When he understands how Harry got into the garden.
- Sir Thomas Vandeleur — Because he didn't believe the story of the man in the garden.
- Harry — Because most of the diamonds were missing.

Before you read**Page 28 — exercise 1**

- It was as large as a duck's egg.
- He said that the thief could cut the diamond into smaller pieces to sell them separately.
- In Edinburgh.
- He was a jeweller.
- His bags.

Page 28 — exercise 2

A carriage B compartment C conductor
D corridor E ticket office F timetable

CHAPTER THREE**Go back to the text****Page 35 — exercise 1**

1 B 2 C 3 B 4 B 5 C 6 A

Page 36 — exercise 2

2 Rajah 3 lazy 4 earrings 5 bill
6 pocket 7 trousers

Page 37 — exercise 3 and 4

Open answer.

Page 41 — exercise 1

1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T

Before you read**Page 43 — exercise 1**

Open answer.

Page 43 — exercise 2

1 F 2 E 3 B 4 A 5 G 6 H 7 I 8 C 9 D

CHAPTER FOUR**Go back to the text****Page 49 — exercise 1**

1 A 2 B 3 A 4 B 5 A 6 B 7 B 8 B 9 B
10 B

Page 49 — exercises 2 and 3

Open answers.

Page 50 — exercise 4

1 on 2 after 3 behind 4 in 5 under
6 before, in 7 across 8 after

Tapescript**Page 50 — Listening activity**

I got this scar 30 years ago, when I was hunting diamonds in Africa. I was very happy one day because I found the largest diamond I ever saw. That night I decided to go to a restaurant to celebrate with my brother, Sir Thomas. We sat at a table together and ordered two steaks and boiled potatoes. A very large man sat at the table next to ours. He had thick, black hair and cold, mean eyes. An empty bottle of wine was on the table next to his arm. Clearly, he was drunk. 'Heard you found a big one today,' said the man.

'Quite right,' I answered.

The man sat up and said, 'Let's make a deal. I have a sword I always carry with me. As you see, there's another

sword hanging on the wall there. You can have that one. Then we'll go outside and have a sword fight. If I pierce you first with my sword, you'll give me your diamond. If you pierce me first with your sword, I'll give you this diamond.'

He took out his diamond and let me look at it. It was a large diamond, but nothing compared to the one I had in my pocket! I agreed to fight him. I was sure he couldn't win since he was drunk. Well, you might think he won since I have this scar across my nose. Wrong! I pierced the man's arm first. This made him so angry that he managed to slash my nose before my brother, Sir Thomas, stopped him. But I don't mind having this scar since two large, precious diamonds are certainly better than just one!

Page 50 — exercise 5

1 30 years 2 Africa 3 at a restaurant
4 his brother, Sir Thomas 5 no
6 He offered him a diamond.
7 John Vandeleur 8 no

Before you read**Page 51 — exercise 1**

1 A 2 B 3 A 4 C

Page 51 — exercise 2

Open answer.

CHAPTER FIVE**Go back to the text****Page 58 — exercise 1**

1 D 2 A 3 B 4 C 5 A

Page 59 — exercise 2

- What did the lawyer say to Francis Scrymgeour?
- Where did he go?

- What was one of the first things he did when he arrived in Paris?
- Where were the two men sitting?
- How did Francis find a room near the man's house?
- What did Francis do when he went inside?

Page 59 — exercise 3

1 a job 2 curious about 3 shocked
4 move 5 is it important

Page 60 — exercise 4

Across: 2 Francis 5 rent 6 patience
8 mystery
Down: 1 affectionate 3 annoy
4 confused 7 play 9 benefactor

Page 64 — exercise 1

- 112 3/16 carats. It came from India.
- No, it wasn't. At first it was known as the 'French Blue' because of its colour.
- India, France, America
- Six people (Jean Baptiste Tavernier, King Louis XIV, Henry Philip Hope, Pierre Cartier, Evalyn McClean, Harry Winston).
- To excite her curiosity.
- By wearing it often, even to do the gardening and in a collar for her dog.

Page 64 — exercise 2

1 D 2 B 3 E 4 F 5 C 6 A

Before you read**Page 65 — exercise 1**

1 seat 2 gallery 3 box 4 orchestra
5 audience

CHAPTER SIX**Go back to the text****Page 72 — exercise 1**

1 A 2 B 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 B 7 A 8 A

Page 72 — exercise 2

1 the porter 2 John Vandeleur and his daughter 3 John Vandeleur 4 the smaller cup 5 Mr Rolles 6 Miss Vandeleur 7 a keepsake

Page 73 — exercise 3

Open answer.

Page 73 — exercise 4

1 C 2 C 3 C 4 A 5 C

Before you read

Page 75 — exercise 1

F 1 D 2 C 3 A 4 B 5 E 6 G 7

CHAPTER SEVEN

Go back to the text

Page 80 — exercise 1

1 A 2 B 3 A 4 A 5 B 6 B 7 A 8 B 9 A

Page 80 — exercise 2

1 A 2 I 3 B 4 D 5 F 6 J 7 G 8 H 9 C 10 E

Page 81 — exercise 3

1 pleasure 2 forget 3 whole
4 offend 5 hide

Page 81 — exercise 4

1 A 2 C 3 A 4 D 5 B 6 D

Page 83 — exercise 1

- 1 *The Thousands and One Nights.*
- 2 Stevenson's Prince Florizel is very similar to a character from *The Thousands and One Nights.*
- 3 He was an oriental ruler who loved and supported literature and the arts.
- 4 A Frenchman named Antoine Galland, between 1704 and 1714.
- 5 Between 1706 and 1708.

Before you read

Page 84 — exercise 1

1 betray 2 dive 3 fortune 4 prison

5 greedy 6 accuse 7 chief 8 palace

Page 84 — exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 84 — exercise 3

1 leave 2 ruin 3 have it
4 get into trouble

CHAPTER EIGHT

Go back to the text

Page 92 — exercise 1

- 1 He suggested him to go to Australia and buy a farm.
- 2 He was unsure about what he wanted to do with the diamond.
- 3 He thought: 'If I look at it any longer, I'll want to keep it'.
- 4 Because the prince was accused of stealing the Rajah's Diamond.
- 5 He decided to serve the Rajah and did many bad things for him. In the end, the Rajah gave the diamond to Sir Thomas to thank him.
- 6 The prince and Francis.
- 7 He threw it into the Seine.
- 8 He thought the police chief wouldn't put the prince in prison.
- 9 John and Thomas Vandeleur.
- 10 Because they looked in the wrong part of the river.

Page 92 — exercise 2

- 1 stork — It isn't a verb.
- 2 Seine — It isn't a country.
- 3 shadows — It isn't a building.
- 4 suddenly — It's an adverb, not a verb.
- 5 worst — It's an irregular superlative.
- 6 farm — It isn't a person.

Page 93 — exercise 3

E 1 D 2 A 3 C 4 B 5