Treasure Island

This text is based on Chapter 12 of the book 'Treasure Island'.

Jim Hawkins is a young boy who finds an old pirate's treasure map. He sets off with a ship and a crew to find the treasure. On the ship, he overhears that Long John Silver is planning to take all the treasure for himself. Jim is about to tell the captain when someone shouts that they can see an island ahead.

The crew gathered on the deck and pointed at the island. "Have any of you ever seen that land before?" asked the captain.

"I have, sir," replied Long John Silver. "I've visited it before when I was working on another ship."

"Can you remember anything about it?" said the captain while looking into a telescope.

Silver nodded, "It used to be visited by lots of pirates. They called it Skeleton Island." He continued, "You see that hill there? They called that Spy-Glass because it's where they looked out for other ships." The crew looked and saw a huge hill that was covered by clouds.

Captain Smollett pulled something from his pocket and opened it up. Silver recognised it as a map of the island and felt a rush of excitement. However, he felt disappointed when he couldn't see a big, red cross. This wasn't the treasure map that he was looking for. "This is a very detailed map," he said slowly. "Pirates definitely didn't make this." Silver pointed at the edge of the map, "There it is, Captain Kidd's Anchorage. That's a safe place to leave the ship."

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"Excellent," said Captain Smollett. "You can go now." Silver moved away and walked towards Jim. The young boy felt scared. Maybe the pirate knew that he had overheard his plans. Silver stopped and put a hand on Jim's shoulder. "It's lovely, this island – perfect for a lad like you to visit. In fact, I'm sure there's lots of exploring that you could do in those hills." A nasty grin spread across his face and Jim started to shake. Maybe Silver did know something after all.

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Questions

1. Who found an old pirate's treasure map? Tick one.
   - ○ Jim Hawkins
   - ○ Long John Silver
   - ○ Captain Smollett
   - ○ Captain Flint

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.
   - ☐ Captain Smollett pulled something from his pocket.
   - ☐ Silver said, "They called it Skeleton Island."
   - ☐ Silver stopped and put a hand on Jim's shoulder.
   - ☐ The crew gathered on the deck.

3. Which of these words is a synonym for 'scared'? Tick one.
   - ○ excited
   - ○ disappointed
   - ○ curious
   - ○ frightened

4. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Jim Hawkins...	had a map in his pocket.
Captain Smollett...	has visited skeleton Island before.
Long John Silver...	overheard Long John Silver's plans.

5. Why was Jim scared when Long John Silver walked towards him?

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6. Why are inverted commas used throughout the text?

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7. What do you think might happen when the crew lands on Skeleton Island?

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