

READING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Task 1

I. Read the proper names from the text:
Daniel Defoe ['dænjəl də'fou], England
['ɪŋɡlənd], Robinson Crusoe ['rɒbɪnsn 'kru:-
sou], London ['lʌndən], York [jɔ:k].

II. Read the title and say what the text
is about:

DANIEL DEFOE

(1660—1731)

One of the first novels in the history of
literature was written in England in 1719.
It was *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe.

Daniel Defoe was born in London in the
family of a rich man. When Daniel was a
schoolboy, he began to write stories. After
he left school the young man worked in his
father's shop and wrote articles for news-
papers. Defoe visited many countries and
met many people. That helped him in his
writings.

In 1719, when Defoe was sixty years old,
he wrote the novel *Robinson Crusoe* which
made him famous. Defoe used in his book a true
story about a sailor who lived on an island
for four years. Robinson Crusoe in Defoe's
novel lived on an island for twenty-eight
years. People liked the novel in England and
in many other countries. Daniel Defoe wrote

proper ['prɒpə] name—
грам. имя собст-
венное

title ['taɪtl]—загла-
вие

novel ['nɒvəl]—ро-
ман
was written—был
написан
was born—родился
rich—богатый

famous ['feɪməs]—
знаменитый
true [tru:]—подлин-
ный
sailor ['seɪlə]—морьяк
island ['aɪlənd]—ост-
ров



D. Defoe

other books but his novel *Robinson Crusoe* is the most famous. Defoe was not a rich man when he died in 1731.

Найдите в тексте ответы на следующие вопросы:

1. When and where did Daniel Defoe live?
2. When did he begin to write his stories?
3. Where did he work after he left school?
4. What did he write?
5. What novel made Defoe famous?
- 6. Have you read *Robinson Crusoe* in Russian?

ROBINSON CRUSOE

Part I

Robinson Crusoe lived in the city of York. When he was a small boy, he wanted to go to sea. But he could do it only when he was eighteen. He had a friend whose father was captain of a ship. The captain took the two boys on his ship when it went to London. That was Robinson's first voyage. After that Robinson Crusoe made three or four voyages over the sea. Now he was a sailor and liked his work very much.

One day when the ship was at sea, a great storm came on them. The ship broke and the people went into a small boat.

the most [moust] fa-
mous — самый из-
вестный
to die — умирать

sea — море
could [kud] — смог
captain ['kæptɪn] —
капитан
ship — корабль
voyage ['vɔɪdʒ] — пла-
вание, морское пу-
тешествие
storm — шторм
to break [breɪk]
(broke, broken) —
разбивать(ся)
boat [bəʊt] — лодка