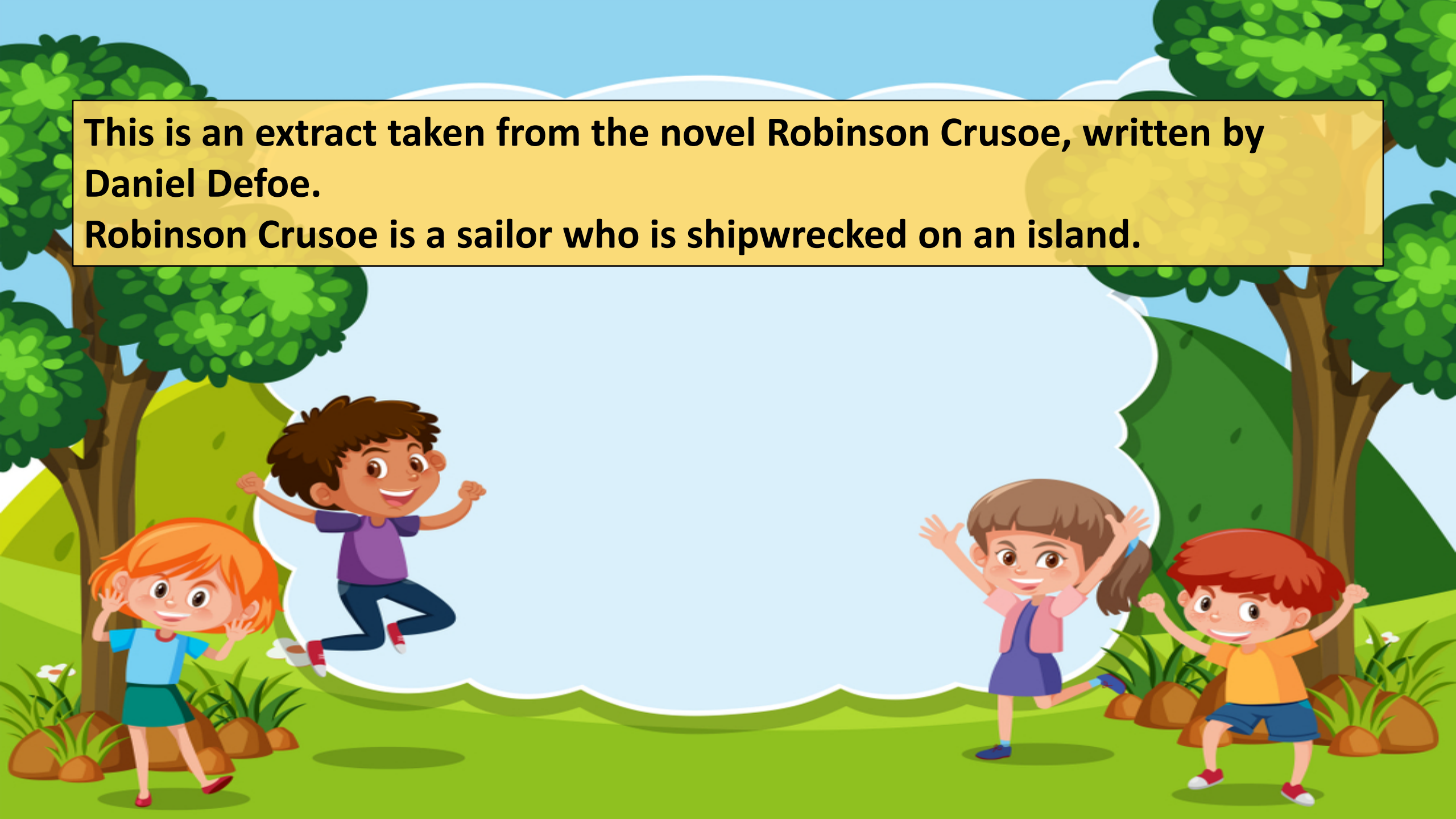


# **4. Crusoe Builds A Home**

## **Class 3 English**

**This is an extract taken from the novel Robinson Crusoe, written by Daniel Defoe.**

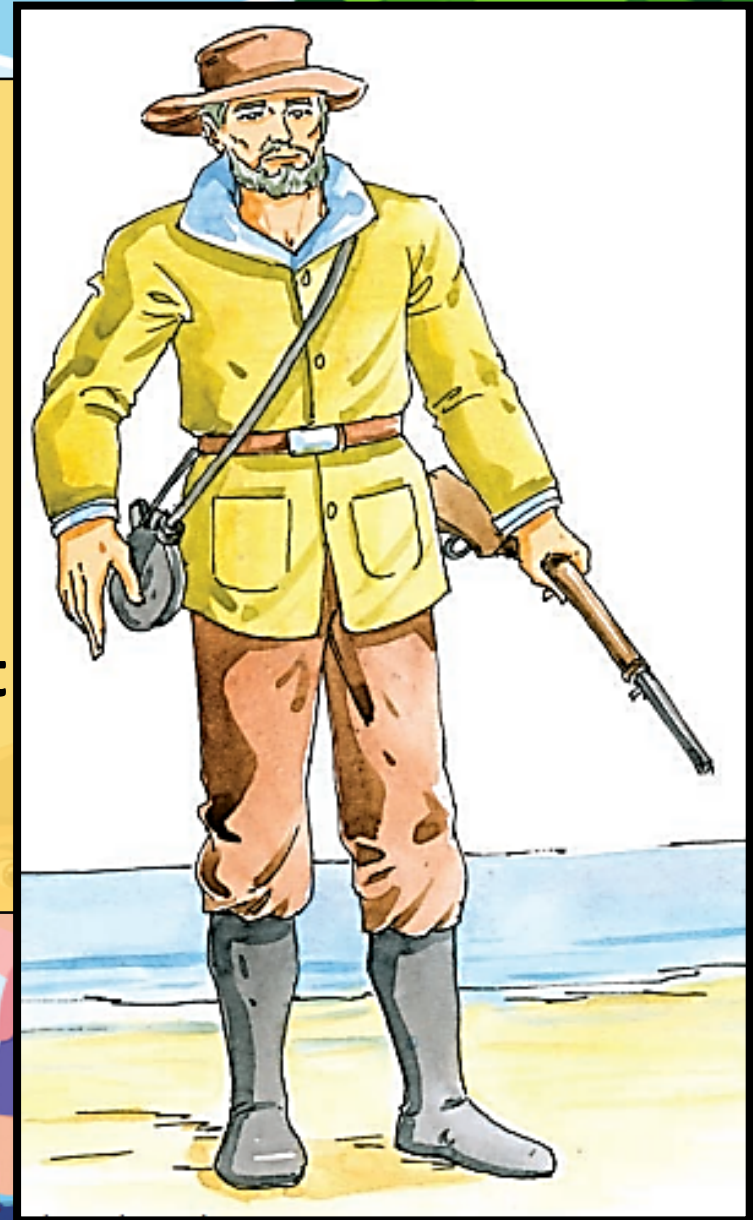
**Robinson Crusoe is a sailor who is shipwrecked on an island.**



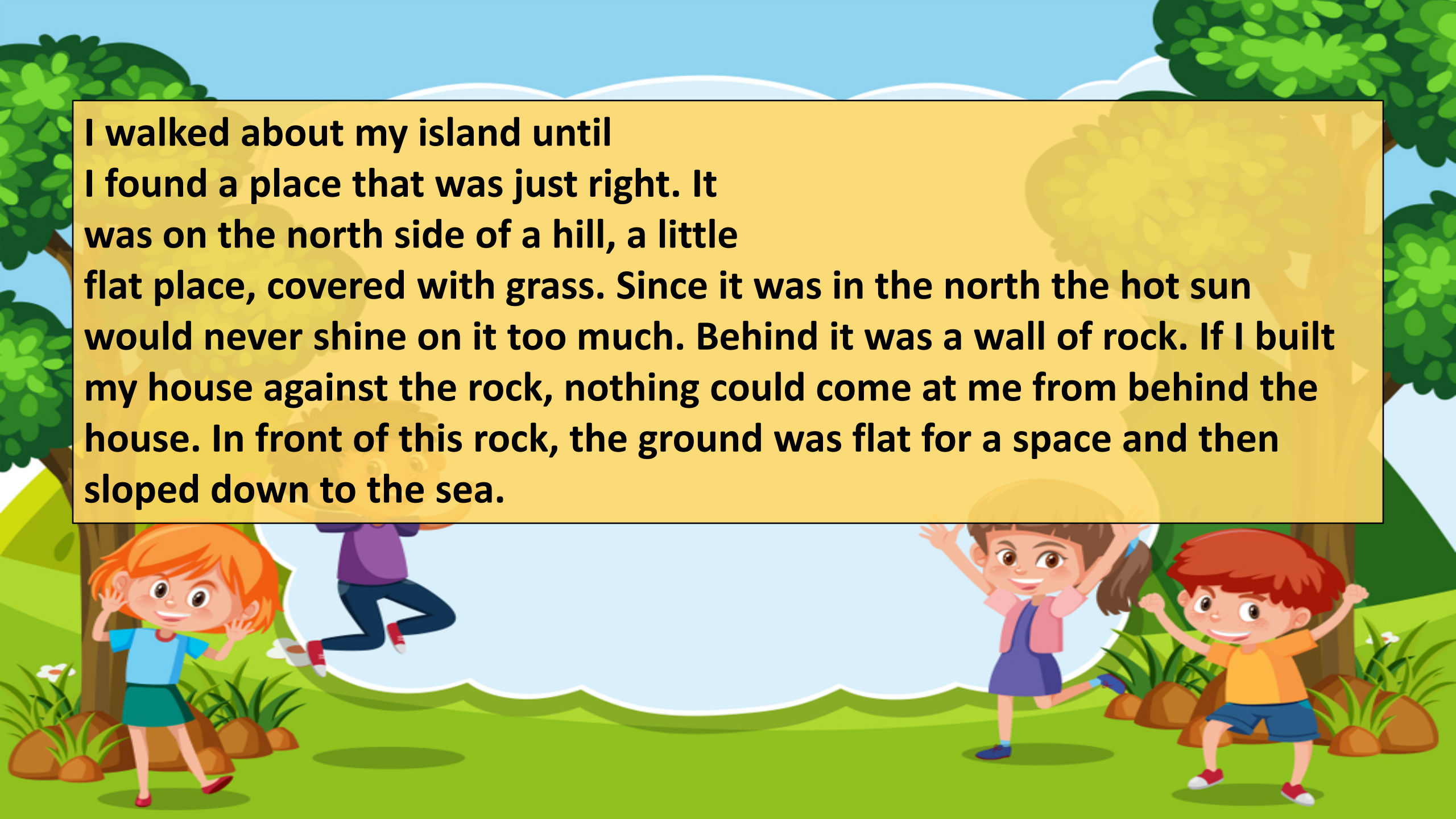


**I began to think of making myself a safe place to live. I had not seen any other man or any wild animal. But that did not mean that there were none around.**

**I knew that I must live near fresh water. I must build a house that would keep out the rain and the heat of the sun. It must be strong enough to keep out wild animals. It should be on a high place so that I could watch for ships.**

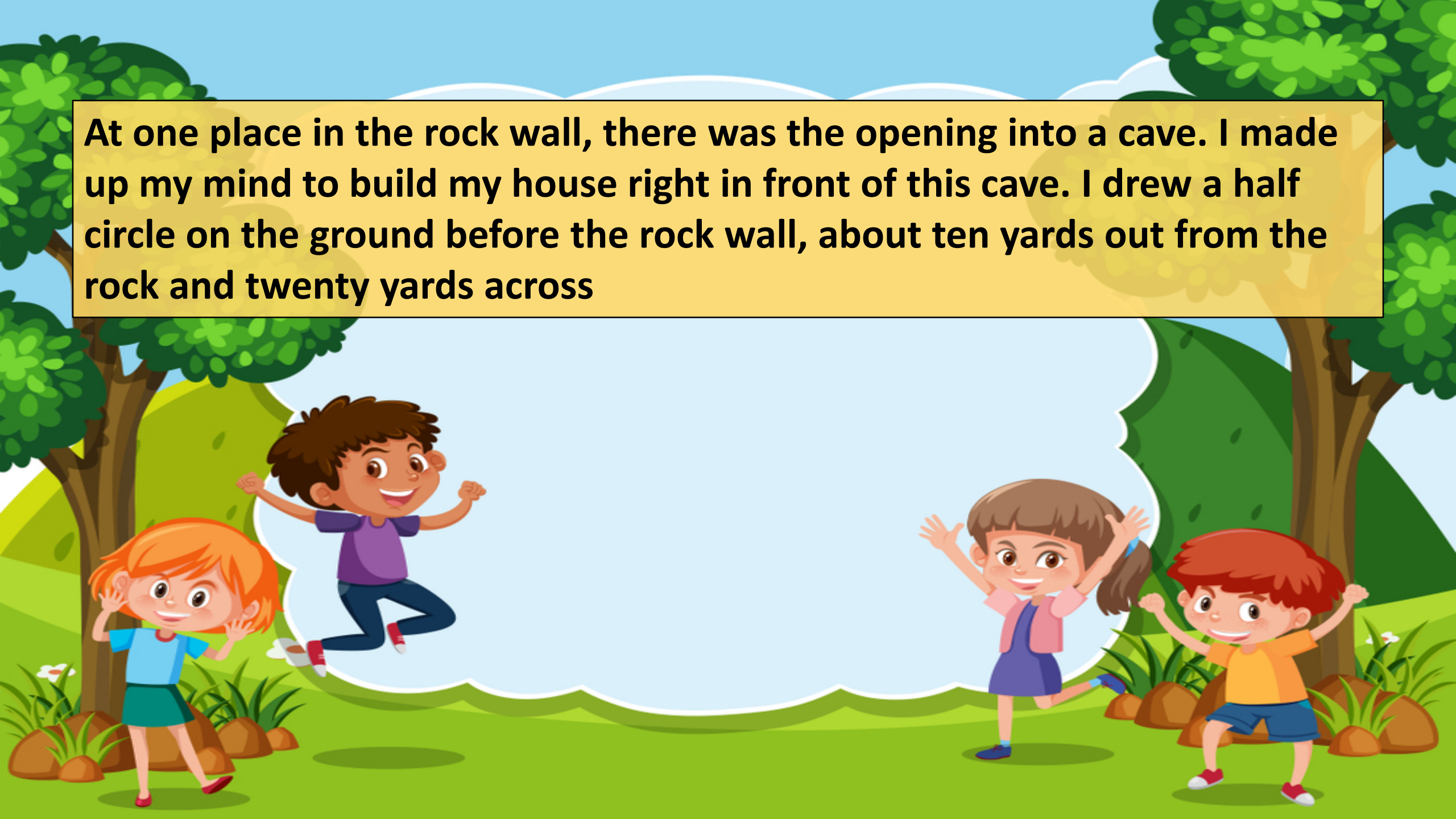


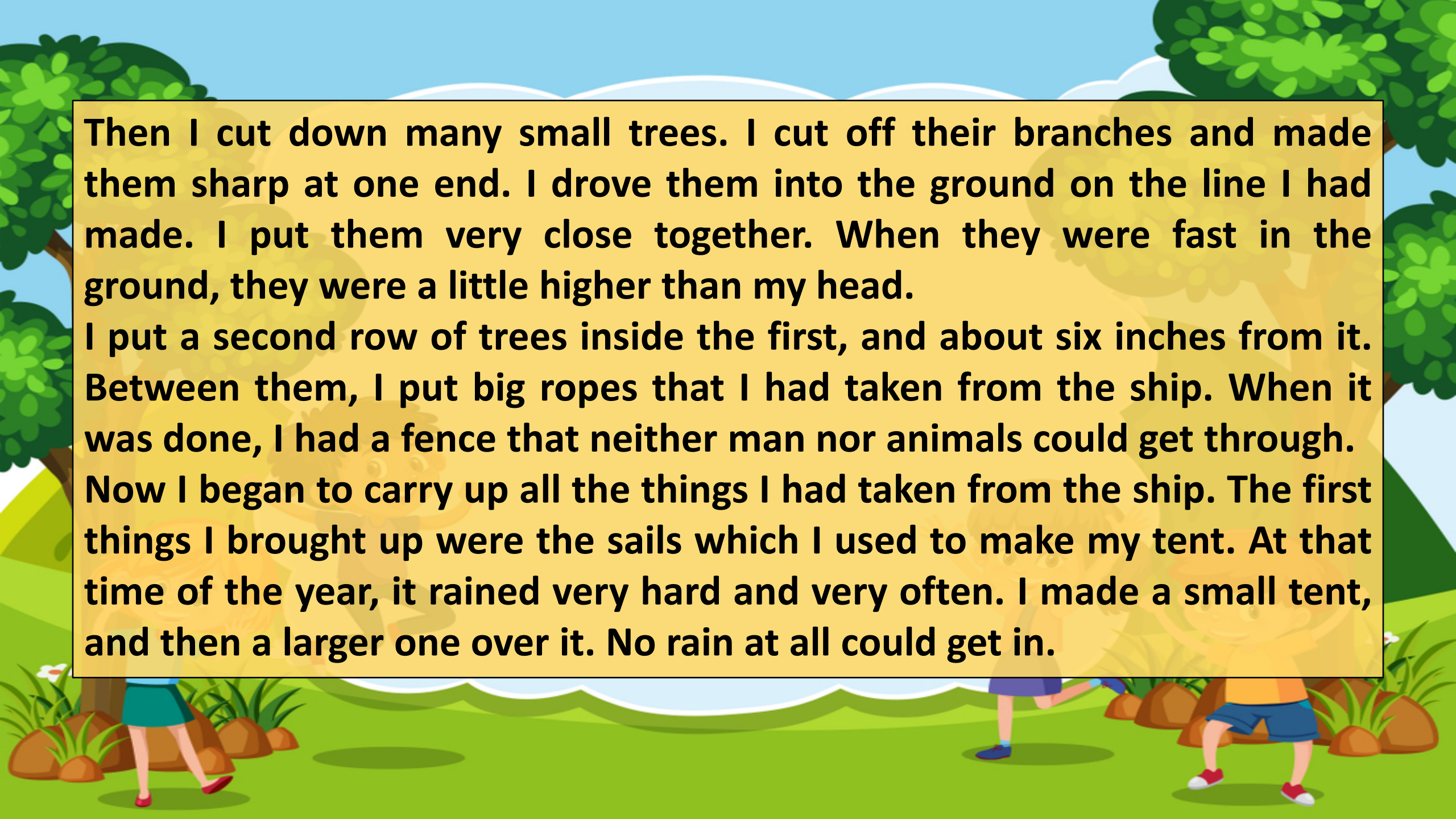
**I walked about my island until I found a place that was just right. It was on the north side of a hill, a little flat place, covered with grass. Since it was in the north the hot sun would never shine on it too much. Behind it was a wall of rock. If I built my house against the rock, nothing could come at me from behind the house. In front of this rock, the ground was flat for a space and then sloped down to the sea.**





**At one place in the rock wall, there was the opening into a cave. I made up my mind to build my house right in front of this cave. I drew a half circle on the ground before the rock wall, about ten yards out from the rock and twenty yards across**





Then I cut down many small trees. I cut off their branches and made them sharp at one end. I drove them into the ground on the line I had made. I put them very close together. When they were fast in the ground, they were a little higher than my head.

I put a second row of trees inside the first, and about six inches from it. Between them, I put big ropes that I had taken from the ship. When it was done, I had a fence that neither man nor animals could get through. Now I began to carry up all the things I had taken from the ship. The first things I brought up were the sails which I used to make my tent. At that time of the year, it rained very hard and very often. I made a small tent, and then a larger one over it. No rain at all could get in.

**In this tent, I put my bed and everything which the rain would have hurt. The other things I put inside my fence. Up until now I had left an opening in the fence so that I could carry things in. Now I closed the opening. I was safe.**

**I made a small ladder. I would climb up the ladder to the top of my fence and stand on the ropes between the two rows of trees. Then I would pull the ladder up and put it down on the inside. When I had climbed down on the inside, I would take the ladder down after me.**

