

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson

How does Jim know Israel Hands intends to kill him before Hands attacks?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Jim turns observation into a survival inference
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter XXVI · Israel Hands
START	Now, the coxswain's hesitation seemed to be unnatural, and as for the notion of his preferring wine to brandy, I entirely disbelieved it.
END	was, of course, more than I could say.
PASSAGE ID	sec-ti-03

THE MOVE

Build a prediction from behavior rather than confession

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Jim watches Israel Hands move when Hands believes he is not being watched. The concealed knife, change in posture, and effort to approach become behavioral evidence from which Jim predicts violence before any confession or attack occurs.

MARK

Underline only the actions Jim directly observes. Number them in the order they occur. Beside each, write what innocent explanation is still possible and when the pattern finally makes the murderous intention the strongest inference.

NOTICE

- Which individual action could be harmless by itself?
- How does the combination of actions change their meaning?
- What makes Jim's prediction an inference from evidence rather than simple fear?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Jim know Israel Hands intends to kill him before Hands attacks? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Jim know Israel Hands intends to kill him before Hands attacks? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Jim predicts murder by combining behavior that might be ambiguous alone into a pattern: Hands stalls, lies about what he wants, moves when he thinks Jim is not watching, and hides a weapon. The inference becomes strong because the actions reinforce one another.
EVIDENCE	Use at least two observed behaviors and explain when the pattern becomes harder to interpret innocently.
WATCH FOR	Do not say Jim 'has a feeling.' The lesson is about prediction built from observable behavior.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline only the actions Jim directly observes. Number them in the order they occur. Beside each, write what innocent explanation is still possible and when the pattern finally makes the murderous intention the strongest inference.
2. NOTICE - Which individual action could be harmless by itself? How does the combination of actions change their meaning? What makes Jim's prediction an inference from evidence rather than simple fear?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: How does Jim know Israel Hands intends to kill him before Hands attacks?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.