Reading Comprehension

Mr William Shakespeare's Plays

Read the 'Text' pages in this pack. The text is taken from *Mr William Shakespeare's Plays* presented by Marcia Williams and is the first two pages of Marcia's comic-strip version of Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*.

Answer these questions:

Read the introduction to the story. What do you think the words 'foundered' and 'tempest' mean? Use the whole sentence ('Many years ago on a mystical isle, young Miranda and her loving father, Prospero, watched as a ship foundered in a fierce and terrible tempest') as well as the illustrations to work out the meaning.

foundered: .....

tempest: .....

What was the name of the friend that helped Prospero and Miranda when they were sent away from Milan? How did he help them?

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Write down what you think might happen next after Stefano falls over the cloak that is hiding Caliban and Trinculo.

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How do you think Caliban feels about being a servant? What makes you think this?

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A lot has happened in this short excerpt.
Write a summary that includes the main points of the story so far.

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