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A Pirate's Life



IMAGINE A PIRATE.

What does the pirate look like? Maybe a man with a long beard? Is he on a sailing ship? Or a woman with a patch over one eye?

Is she holding a sword?

Pirates are popular in books and films, from Long John Silver in *Treasure Island* to Captain Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean*. But what do we know about real pirates?

Yo ho!

A pirate's life for me

The golden age of piracy is from 1670 to 1730. At this time the seas are full of Spanish and English ships sailing to the New World. When the ships come back, they are full of treasure. In order to get more treasure, England sends special sailors, called privateers, to attack the Spanish ships. Many of these privateers like their life on the sea. They love the freedom. And they don't want to give their treasure to the English king or queen. So, they become pirates!

Famous pirates

Edward Teach is a privateer for England. But then he becomes a famous pirate – **Blackbeard**. Like his name says, he has a long, black beard. He puts candles in his beard to look scary.

Blackbeard learns how to be a pirate from **Captain Benjamin Hornigold**. Hornigold lives in a pirate city, on a pirate island, in the Bahamas. But one day Captain Hornigold changes. He becomes a pirate hunter!

Anne Bonny is an Irish woman living in the Bahamas. She falls in love with a pirate called **Jack Rackham** and becomes part of his crew. Anne makes friends with another pirate on Jack's ship, a woman called **Mary Read**. Mary wears men's clothes and no one knows she is a woman except Anne and Jack. Mary and Anne are famous for being fierce and cruel.



OVER TO YOU

Choose a famous pirate and find out more about them.

Blackbeard
Benjamin Hornigold
Anne Bonny
Jack Rackham
Mary Read

- **accent:** how people say words
- **candles:** see picture on page 23
- **crew:** group of sailors/pirates on a ship
- **cruel:** who likes to hurt people
- **fierce:** scary and dangerous
- **freedom:** state when one can do what one wants
- **golden age:** most important period of time
- **pirate hunter:** someone who finds and stops pirates

TALK LIKE A PIRATE

SEPTEMBER 19TH IS INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY.



1 **K** Listen, then choose the correct answer.

- a Where does the pirate accent come from?
- South England
 - South-west England
 - West England
- b Where in England is Blackbeard from?
- Bristol
 - Devon
 - Dorset
- c What is the pirate accent called?
- West County
 - West Country
 - West Dorset

2 Match the pirate phrases to their meaning.

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| a <input type="checkbox"/> aye | 1 treasure |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> loot | 2 friend |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> matey | 3 yes |



3 Listen and check.

Listen in

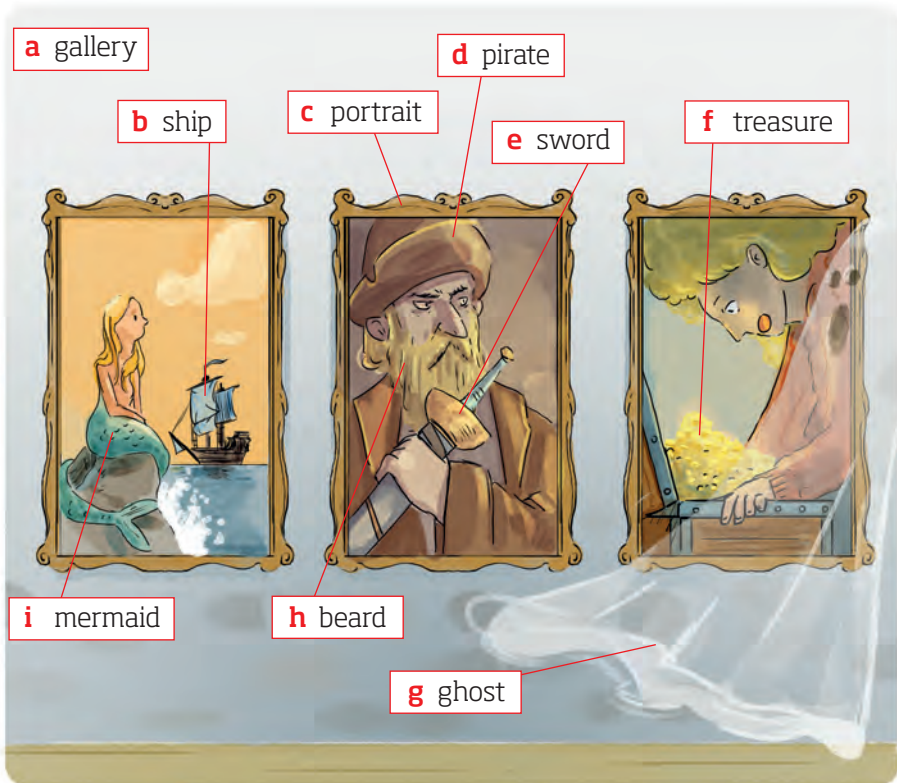


4 Listen and repeat the words with **p** and **b**.

pirate - mobile	climb - camp
patch - bag	push - bush
place - black	port - both

Before Reading

1 Match the words and the definitions.



- invented creature that has the body of a woman and the tail of a fish
- person who attacks and takes things from boats
- picture of a person
- place with lots of pictures
- large boat that carries people or things
- hair on a man's chin
- weapon, like a long knife, used for fighting in the past
- lots of gold, silver and other precious objects
- spirit of a dead person that you can see



2 Listen and check.

Listen in



3 Think of how you say *mermaid*. Then listen and tick (✓) the words with the same first vowel sound (mermaid).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> here | <input type="checkbox"/> meet | <input type="checkbox"/> there |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hurt | <input type="checkbox"/> scare | <input type="checkbox"/> word |



4 Listen to an extract from the story. Then complete the sentences with words from the box.


about adults happy is like not reads sits special telling

Rocky **a**..... alone in his room and **b**..... his book.
He's **c**..... reading. Talking to other people is **d**..... easy.
Talking to **e**..... is OK, but talking to other boys and girls
f.....very hard. Belle is different. She's **g**..... . Rocky's new
book is **h**..... pirates. He would **i**..... to be the captain of a
ship, sailing on the sea. No one **j**..... him what to do. Freedom!

5 Think about the following questions.

- a** What type of person is Rocky?
- b** Could Rocky be your friend?
- c** When are you happy?
- d** Do you find it easy or hard to talk to other people?
- e** What would you like to be when you grow up?

6  Share your answers with a friend.

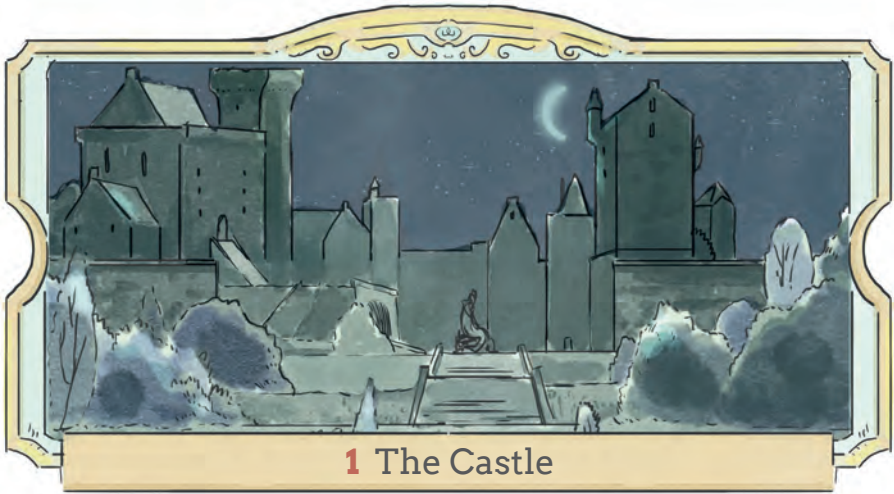
7  In pairs, read the text in Exercise 4 again. What do you think the word 'freedom' means? Give reasons for your answer.

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1 The Castle

 The minibus bumps and jumps down an old road. The boys and girls hold on to their seats.

‘Don’t worry!’ says the driver, Mr Hook. ‘Not long now!’

They look out of the window at the tall trees. It’s evening, and the sky is getting dark. Mr Hook opens the window.

‘Smell that air! Real country air!’ he says.

‘Ewwwww!!’ says a girl. ‘The country smells bad!’

They all laugh.

The bus goes around a corner.

‘I can see it!’ says a boy. They all stand up in their seats to look.

‘SIT DOWN!’ shouts Mr Hook. They all sit down. He is the driver, but he is also a teacher – their new history teacher.

The bus drives up the small road and stops outside a very big, old castle.

GLOSSARY

- **bumps:** goes up and down
- **corner:** turn in a road
- **driver:** person moving a car or bus





‘OK! We’re here! Get your bags and go in please!’ says Mr Hook. The students rush to get their bags and jump off the bus.

A tall boy with glasses is reading a book at the back of the bus.

‘Hey, come on Rocky!’ shouts Mr Hook.

Rocky quickly gets off the bus. He looks around.

The castle is very big. It’s got high windows and strong, stone walls.

Behind it, there is a dark forest with lots of old trees. It looks spooky. To the right is a garden.

Rocky walks over and sees a big statue. The top is a woman, and the bottom is a fish.

Why is there a mermaid in the middle of a garden? Mermaids live in the sea, thinks Rocky.

He looks up at the road. Another minibus is coming. It’s Ms Bloom, the English teacher, with the other students. Rocky can see her driving very slowly up the road.

Rocky waits. The minibus arrives and the other students get off.

‘Hey, Rocky!’ says a girl with red hair.

‘Hi Belle,’ says Rocky. Rocky doesn’t talk much to the other students, but he likes Belle. She’s easy to talk to.

‘This place is awesome!’ she says.

‘This place is scary. Like it’s from a book,’ he says.

‘An awesome book!’ says Belle, with a smile.

GLOSSARY

- **awesome:** really great
- **rush:** go quickly
- **spooky:** scary (with ghosts)

- **strong:** not easy to break
- **stone:**



Together they walk through the doors of the castle into a big hallway. There are wide stone stairs in front of them, and the walls around them are full of old paintings. The students go over to look at them. The paintings are of old ships and people from a long time ago. Some of the people look very scary.

‘HELLO, boys and girls!’ says a loud voice.

The students look up – a large woman with long grey hair in a plait is standing at the top of the stairs. As she walks down to the hall, they see that she has a patch over her left eye.

‘Welcome to the Captain’s Castle!’ she says. ‘My name is Mrs Silver, I’m the housekeeper here.’ Then she laughs. ‘That’s our gallery of pirates. Do you like the paintings? They are all old pirates with their treasure. But don’t be scared of them, they’re all dead now.’

Rocky stops in front of one of the paintings. There’s something about the pirate...

‘Hello, Mrs Silver!’ says Mr Hook quickly.

Mrs Silver turns, ‘Good evening, are you Mr Hook? How nice to meet you! Now is this everyone?’ she asks.

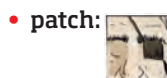
‘Yes! We’re all here,’ says the other teacher, Ms Bloom.

‘Ah lovely! I can see you are all tired. Let me show you to your rooms...’ says Mrs Silver.

The students follow Mrs Silver, Ms Bloom and Mr Hook up the stairs, but Rocky isn’t listening. He can hear someone talking in another room. He follows the voice.



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- **follow:** walk behind
 - **hallway:** wide area inside the front door
 - **large:** big
 - **paintings:** pictures



After Reading

Over to you

1 Who is under the blanket? First, write your clues below.



2 Now look at the pictures and tick (✓) who is under the blanket.



3 Which lion takes you to the treasure? Tick (✓).




4  Now tell a friend, explaining why.

 5 Listen and check.

After Reading

Listen in  and Debate

MUSIC PIRACY

- 1  Discuss the meanings of the words below, before you read. How do you say them in your language? Do you use the English word?

downloads
internet
mobile phone
streaming
track
website

▶▶ Most young people have access to music and the internet on their mobile phones. Streaming music online is the most popular way of listening to music. Thanks to the internet, music and videos can be shared in seconds and there is a huge amount of free content to choose from. And for every legal streaming service there are lots of websites offering free illegal downloads.

▶▶ **IS SHARING A MUSIC TRACK THE SAME AS SHARING A BOOK WITH A FRIEND?**



- 2 We asked this question to four teenagers. Who agrees? Listen and tick (✓).



1 David



2 Solomiia



3 Marcos



4 Tamara



- 3 Listen again and write the correct names.

- a says that maybe the friend can buy an album.
- b says that maybe the friend can share the track with another person.
- c says that they share everything with their friends.
- d says that it is not sharing because they both have the track at the same time.

- 4 Think. Who do you agree with?

WHAT IS COPYRIGHT?

When a song or film is copyrighted, it means that it is illegal to use, download or copy it without asking the owner. Today, when we talk about piracy we are usually talking about music, film, TV, publishing or software piracy.

copyright the right to own and use a work of art (music, books, art)

illegal when something is illegal it means that it is not allowed by the law



5 Complete the facts below with the correct numbers.

Share with a friend, then listen and check.

75% eight in ten one in three one third

- ▶ young people say that they use illegal ways to listen to, or download music.
- ▶ More than of computers and phones have one illegal track or app.
- ▶ It's not all piracy: over of people say they listen to music on audio streaming websites every week.
- ▶ And it's official! Music makes us feel good! people say that music makes them happy.

DEBATE

6 In two groups, discuss the question below. Do you agree? Say why or why not. Give reasons and examples. Use the quotes to help.

▶▶ **IS SHARING A MUSIC TRACK THE SAME AS SHARING A BOOK WITH A FRIEND?**



I AGREE

DAVE GROHL (FOO FIGHTERS)

"I think it's a good idea because it's people sharing music."



I DISAGREE

MARY J. BLIGE

"If you create something and then someone takes it without your permission, that is stealing."