





Upper KS1/Lower KS2 (SATS style) Reading Comprehension Booklet 10



Name.....

Useful words

crew

gangplank

pitching

lurch

Jim and Captain Blackpatch



It was Jim's first day aboard The Jolly Pipsqueak. Since they had left port it had been Jim's job to take water to the other pirates as they did their jobs around the ship. But Jim was feeling sick, sea sick.

Questions			
1	What is Jim's job?		
Tick one.			
	cleaning the deck		taking drinks to the pirates
	cooking supper		singing songs
What is the name of the ship Jim is on?			

Jim had given drinks to all the pirates when he remembered he hadn't given a drink to Captain Blackpatch. Captain Blackpatch was very frightening. He was always shouting at the crew and if anyone did anything wrong he would kick them with his wooden leg! Jim was terrified about giving him his drink.

3	Which of his limbs had Captain Blackpatch lost?			
4	When the Captain was angry	with h	is crew, what did he do?	
Tick on	€.			
	hit them with a sword		kick them with his wooden leg	
	throw water at them		make them walk the gangplank	
Captain Blackpatch was short and he had a stubbly, black beard which was always full of the porridge he had eaten for breakfast. He only had two teeth and they were both black and chipped. Right on the end of his nose he had a huge, red spot from which a tuft of hair grew. In an old sea battle, he had lost his left eye so he now had a black patch covering it.				
5	How many teeth did Captain Blackpatch have?			
6	Why did the Captain wear an eye patch?			

Jim carefully got a bucket of water out of the barrel, making sure it didn't have too many bits floating about in it. He got a tin cup and made sure it was as clean as it could be. He made his way, as carefully as he could, up the steps to where the fearsome Captain was steering the ship. It wasn't easy as the ship was tossing and pitching on the rough sea.

Poor Jim was feeling more and more seasick.

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7 What was Captain Blackpatch doing?				
Tick or	ne.			
	Steering the ship		Shouting at the crew	
	Counting his treasure		Sharpening his sword	
8	Why was it difficult to climb	o the st	eps up to the Captain?	
Jim eventually managed to climb the steep steps with his bucket of water. He approached the scary Captain, "Would you like some water, Sir?" asked Jim bravely.				
"Aye lad, now!" shouted the gruff Captain. Jim was shaking nervously as he handed the Captain his tin cup of water. Just then a sudden gust of wind caused the ship to lurch forward, poor Jim started to topple, he saved himself but, disaster, he emptied the whole bucket of water over the Captain!				
9	Jim asked Captain Blackpate	ch if		
Tick one.				
	he could have a rest		he was all right	
	he wanted something to		he wanted some water	

10	What made the ship suddenly lurch forward?
11	What did Jim spill over Captain Blackpatch?
12	What do you think might have happened next in the story?

Useful words

Caribbean

naval

Lieutenant

Mediterranean

Pirates



Pirates are groups of sailors who try to steal from other ships. For many hundreds of years pirates have done this right up to today.

Most of our stories about pirates come from about 300 years ago when pirate ships attacked other ships in the Caribbean Sea off the South East coast of America.

Where did pirates attack other ships 300 years ago?

Tick one.

The Caribbean Sea

The Mediterranean Sea.

The North Sea

The Irish sea

What do pirates try and do?

The most famous pirate was probably Blackbeard. His real name was Edward Teach. In 1718 he died in a fight with a naval officer called Lieutenant Maynard. He had a huge black beard which made him look very frightening

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What was Blackbeard's real name?

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How did Blackbeard die?

Tick one.

he drowned

in a fight

he caught a bad cold

The Jolly Roger

Ships usually have a flag. It was traditional for pirate ships to fly a Jolly Rodger flag. This is sometimes known as a 'Skull and Crossbones'. It had a picture of a skull with two crossed bones underneath. It was meant to scare other ships and sailors. The English pirate Jack Rackham replaced the bones on his flag with crossed swords.



Tick or	ne.		
	fish		flags
	swords		sticks
What is the pirate's flag known as?			
<u>Women Pirates</u>			
Women weren't allowed on pirate ships so when Mary Read and Anne Bonny wanted to join Jack Rackham's ship they had to dress up as men. When their ship was captured in 1720 they were the only two members of the crew who were brave enough to fight.			

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Who dressed up as men to get on Jack Rackham's ship?

Tick one.	
to look smart	women were not allowed on pirate ships
all their other clothes were dirty	they did not like wearing dresses



Grandad is a Pirate



My Grandad was a pirate
At least that's what he said
But I think he's telling porky pies
'Cause he's always in his bed



He says it was a while ago

Long before TV

That he was a blood thirsty pirate

Sailing the Seven Seas

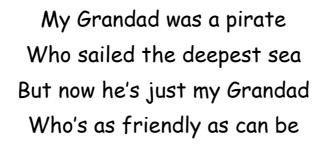


His ship was the Saucy Suzie
With guns thirty and three
And his crew were all quite nasty
Scaring both you and me



The ship's cat was a panther
Black as the darkest night
And the parrot was called Archie
Whose screech was out of sight









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What do you think the words "porky pies" is supposed to mean?

Tick one.			
	cries		fries
	lies		flies
22	What do you think the words poem?	s "blood	l thirsty" means in this
23	How many guns were on the Grandad's ship?		