



That's how a pirate becomes shark food ...



If you hear this call, it means that a member of the crew has ended up in the sea. To fit in with the pirates, I need to know the language they use. I teach myself in the evenings.

## Pirate language .



Ahoy - hello Arrr - right, understood, yes, of course, etc. Short iron - knife or dagger **Broom** - pirate of lowest status, cleaner Seadog - experienced. seasoned pirate Shiver me - You can't be serious! (expression timbers! of surprise) Bilge - nonsense, foolish talk Dirk - butcher's knife Shut your hatch! - Be quiet! To swallow - to take a break anchor from the life of a pirate Swim after - follow a merchant a schooner ship containing loot Fair winds! - Goodbye, and good luck! Shark bait - lazy sailor **Old salt** - experienced sailor Aye aye! - I'll do it immediatelu!

# Day I

I'm writing at night. The sea is splashing against the sides of the ship and the moon is bright. What a day J've had! Johny Smile has rewarded me for all the deck-swabbing. Slapping me on the back, he dropped some clothes on the floor and told me, "We'll make a pirate out of you yet. Put these rags on!" Pirate's clothes! So I did, and now I look like a proper pirate.

Dress yourself

CANNON.

THE EQUIPMENT

NECESSARY FOR

THE SHELLING OF **MERCHANT SHIPS** 

as a pirate!

SHARP HOOK

# 7 rules of pirate fashion

- 1. The more colourful, the better!
- 2. The more layers, the better.
- 3. You can't beat a silk waistcoat and a long coat.
- 4. Pirate dandies wear a tricorn.
- 5. In a headscarf, a pirate looks scarier. 6. To heighten the effect, add a black eye patch ...
- 7. ... and a gold earring.



TRICORN



**BLUNDERBUSS** 

SABRE

**BLACK** 

EYE PATCH

AND GOLD

EARRING

HIGH LEATHER SHOES



### Gold earring

Some people say that gold in the ears is good for the eyes. Plus, when a pirate dies in captivity, thanks to his gold earring he will get a decent funeral. It's sad, but it's true!



Pacific, 1694

# Black eye patch

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You'll need one of these even if you have two good eyes. When you go from the brightness of the deck to the gloom of below, it'll help your eyes adjust. The moment you take the patch off, your sight will be perfect. In a fight to the death, such a trick can put you at a great advantage. Try it for yourself!

> This is my ninth day of swabbing the deck. The floor of the Orca is so shiny you can see your face in it! How much longer will I have to do this? Blisterin' barnacles, I've never much liked housework! I feel as blue as a sea slug. I want to be a captain, not a cleaner.

### How to get ahead among pirates

Gain the trust of the crew Be friendly and have lots of ideas.

#### Be fair

Pirates are born democrats. Judge people by their deeds, and never take sides.

#### Be brave and prudent Don't let anything frighten you, and keep a cool head in every situation.

Day 12 😤

There is scurvy among the crew. The men are falling like flies, and each victim is sent to a watery grave. J'm the last healthy man standing. And so J should be – J make a point of drinking fish oil and orange juice. But the fish oil is so disgusting, me hearties!

ORANGE, A SOURCE

OF VITAMIN C





Ugh, rats! They're everywhere you look! These rodents sail with us. They nibble away at our stores and spread disease. We keep our distance from them. Important advice:

Wash your hands. Cleanliness is next to godliness.



# What is scurvy?

Scurvy is a seaman's disease caused by a lack of vitamin C. A pirate with scurvy feels tired, his bones weaken and his teeth start to fall out.





A boisterous evening with pirate music. Those with wooden limbs – and there are quite a few of them – tap out pirate songs on the floor, and the others sing.





If you have one, wave it about and slash and pull with it. The enemy won't stand a chance!



Day 31, early Take the map from the envelope

I was ill for a long time, and now I've got a lot of work to do. I'm cleaning the captain's cabin. There's a map on the desk.



It's on the desk!

Look, sea dragons! I'll try to put the amulet on the map ...



### Put the amulet on the map

What next? Jurn the amulet until the island's name appear underneath it. There is buried treasure on that island!



As I turned the thing about on the map, this way and that, the name of a lost island appeared before my very eyes. The captain watched me the whole time, taking sips of rum to show his delight. After that, we set off on our great adventure!

Yo-ho-hooo!





Me, ready for battle

"It seems that some other pirates deciphered the code on the map at the same time as I did, and now they are greedily in search of it! Will we be quicker than they are? Armed with a small meat mallet and a good-sized cooking pot, I'm ready for battle. The other band of pirates is headed in the same direction as we are. And those men are just as greedy for the treasure! But they won't get their hands on it – either we'll give them the slip or we'll defeat them in man-to-man combat. Grr!





# Day 54

We have dug up the island from north to south, east to west and back again. We've found nothing, sea dragons! We are about to give up when ... Thud! One of our shovels strikes something, which rings hollow: A chest! As we open the lid, its rusty hinges screech. We are breathless with excitement. But what's this?! The chest is empty! There's a written message on the bottom. It says:



"I see an island, Captain!" cries the ship's pilot. The helmsman turns the wheel and the ship heads for the island at full steam. The waves froth white. The sharks dive to the seabed in alarm, teeth chattering. I keep a telescope pressed to my eye. The treasure island!



Better luck next time, lads. William Kidd



## William Kidd

One of the most celebrated and fiercest of all pirates, his original work was to ensure the safety of journeys by sea. Indeed, he was tasked with protecting merchant shipping from pirate attacks. As a pirate hunter, William Kidd didn't have a lot of luck, however.

First, he failed to capture a proper pirate ship. Later, he lost most of his crew. Having replaced the reliable sailors with a band of criminals and ex-pirates, he attacked the first ship to cross his path - which was full of gold and precious fabrics. No matter how much the honourable soul of Captain Kidd resisted piracy, these easily acquired riches determined the course of his later career. In 1701, he danced the hempen jig - in other words, his life was ended on the gallows.





Valiant pirate who disguised herself as a boy. Having begun her 'male' career as a cadet in the army, she went on to join the pirates on the ship of Jack Rackham and Anne Bonny.

It took a while for Bonny to realize that the strapping young man was in fact a girl. The two women became great friends and were soon the scourge of the waters around the Bahamas. Then, in 1720, their ship was seized, and the women ended up in gaol, where Mary eventually died.

