

Parent Guide



@twinklparents

We're excited to share this activity with you. If you are interested in finding more exciting, fun and interesting activities for you and your children, then check out these links to different areas of the [Twinkl Parents](#) website.

games



crafts



puzzles



experiments



word searches



What is this resource and how do I use it?

This booklet goes with the video [Creative Writing for Year 1 Children](#) from Twinkl Kids' TV. It can support your child's understanding of sentences while giving them a chance to try some creative writing. Simply get your child set up watching the video and then print the booklet or try some of the individual activities.

What skills does this practise?

Handwriting

Creative Writing

Imagination

Punctuation

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

Creative writing can be challenging at this young age. It is a good idea to use the world around you to encourage your child to start using their imagination. There are more activities in our [Creative Writing](#) section of the Parents' Hub, including Parents' guides and lots more activities.

Parents Blog



Twinkl Kids' TV



Homework Help



twinkl

Parents Hub



Creative Writing

for Year 1

Children's Video Activity Booklet



Contents

2. Word Type Colouring
3. Sentence Scramble
4. View through a Telescope
5. Describing Characters
6. Pirate Puppets Templates
7. Spot the Difference
8. Describe the Scene
9. Silly Sentences
10. Word Search
11. Message in a Bottle
12. Pirate Role Play
13. Role Play Templates
14. Treasure Hunt Instructions
16. Treasure Hunt Cards
17. Answers



You can find the video 'Creative Writing for Year 1 Children' on our Twinkl Kids' TV channel, on YouTube. Or, simply [click here](#).

Word Type Colouring

In the video, we learned about different types of words. Some words tell us 'who' the sentence is about. Some words tell us 'when' and some 'where'. We also often have what words to tell us what the person or animal is doing.

I **ran** on the **beach** **today**.

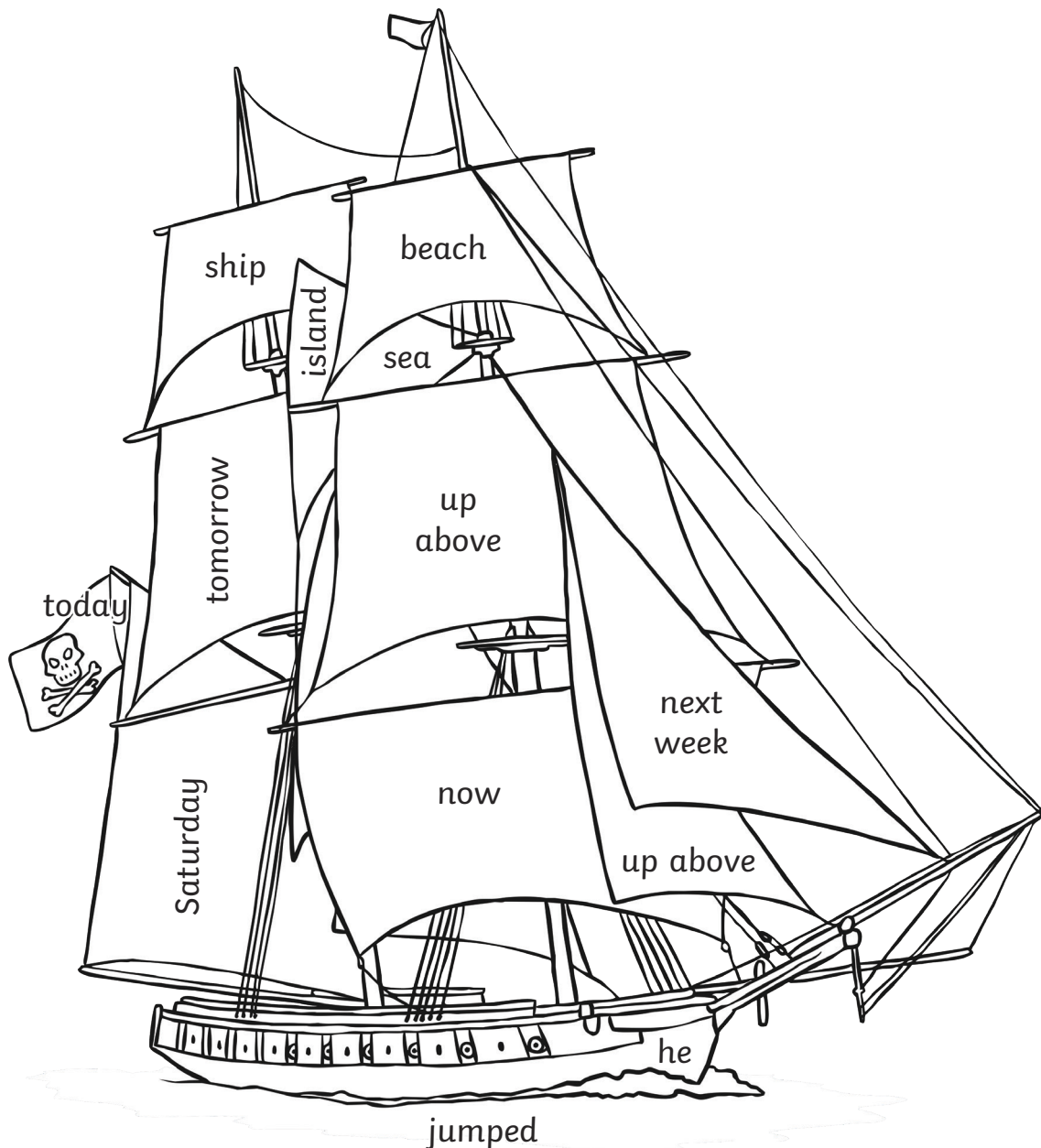
Check the key and colour the words in based on what they tell us.

black = who

brown = where

yellow = when

blue = what



Sentence Scramble

Uh oh! The evil pirate has scrambled our sentences. Can you unscramble the words to make a sentence which makes sense?

1. the pirate yesterday a treasure chest found

2. a ship went I sailing today on

3. flew across the parrot the sky quickly

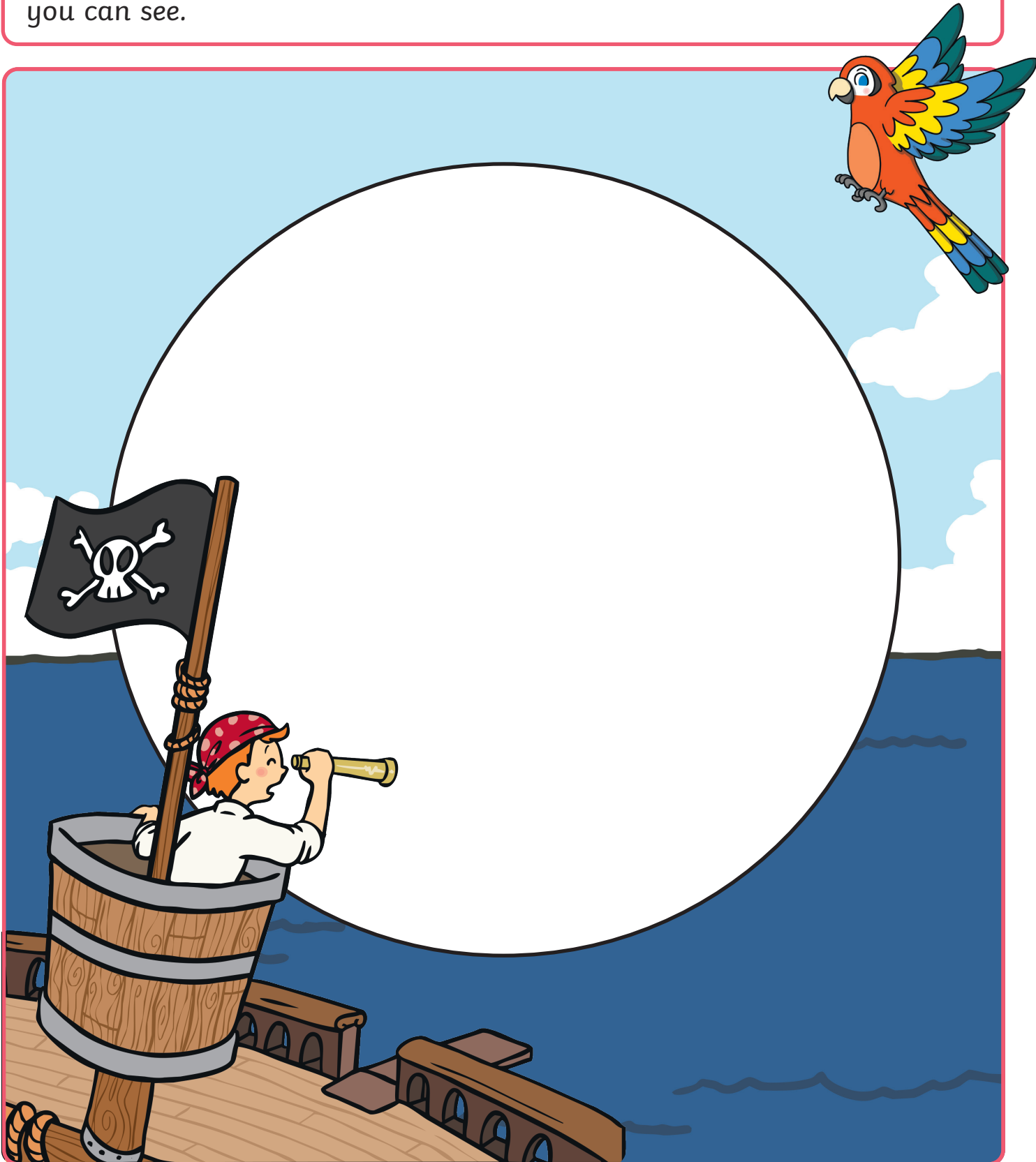
4. the crew a treasure map followed some treasure to find

5. walk the pirate the plank shouted



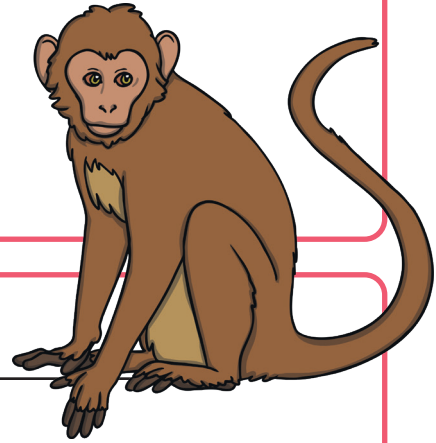
View through a Telescope

Imagine you are a seafaring pirate. Draw a picture of what you might see through your telescope. Then, write some sentences to describe what you can see.



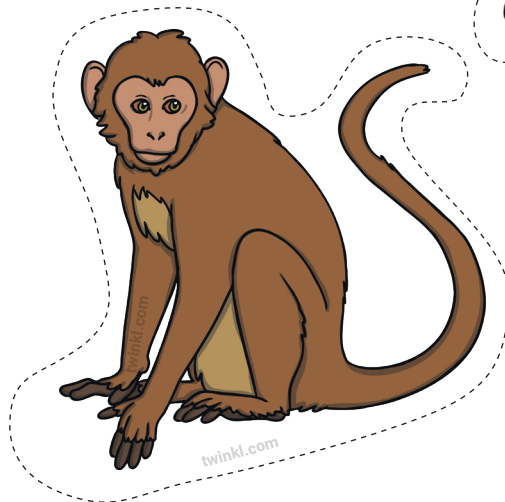
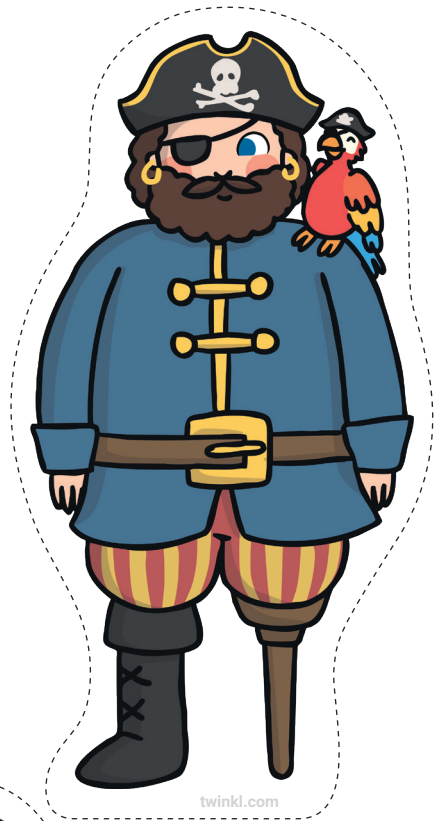
Ahoy Me Hearties!

Now, let's have a go at describing some characters. On the next page, you will find some 'Pirate Puppets' which you can cut out. You can decide how to do this activity. You can either work with an adult or friend to describe your puppet character. Or, if you want to practise your handwriting, you could write some sentences on the lines below. Use the word bank to give you some ideas. Can you write some sentences to describe our pirate friend, the Captain and the cheeky monkey?

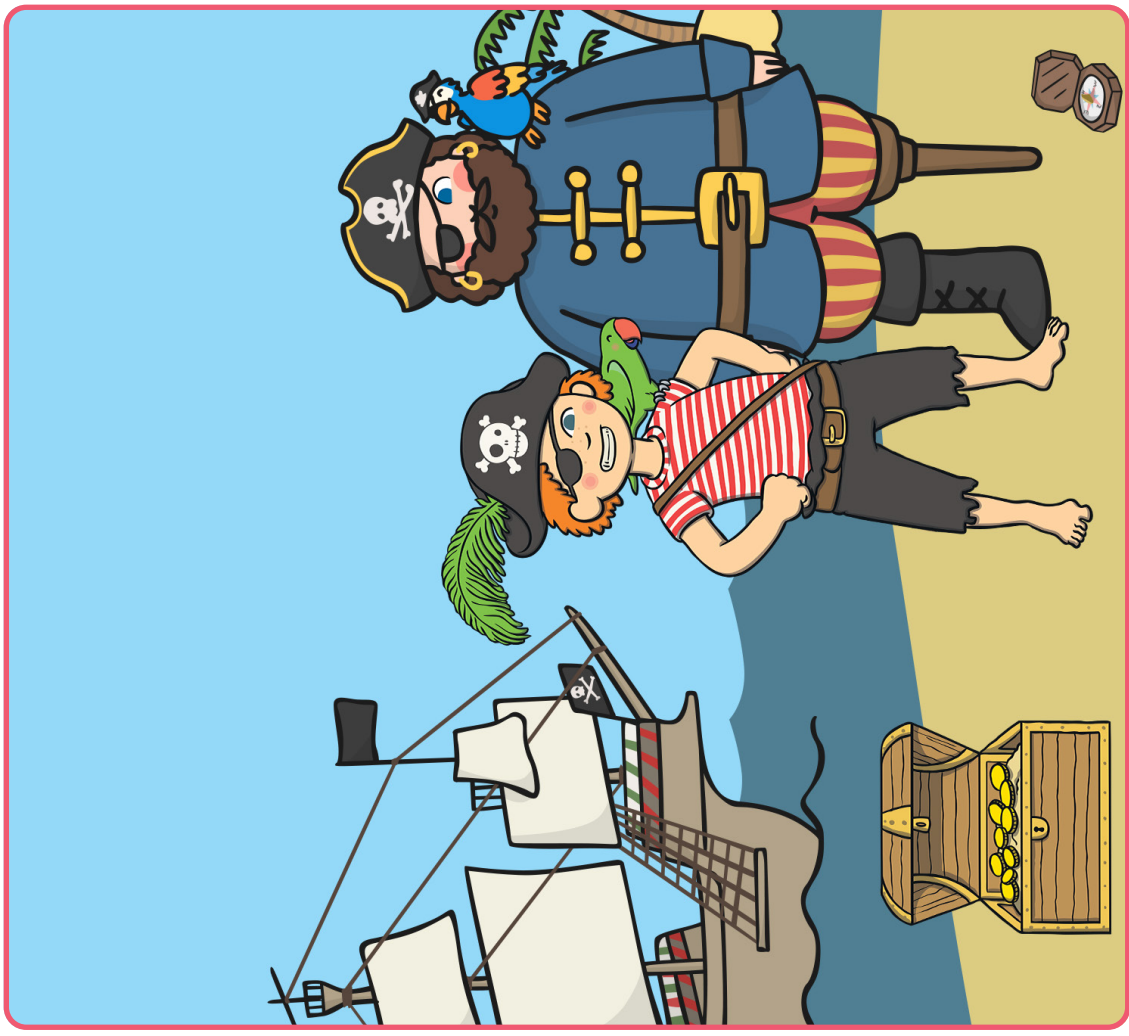


Word Bank

brave	happy	clever	cunning	cheeky	fluffy
charming	polite	noble	friendly	long	tail
bright eyes	adventurous	wise	cute		



Spot the Difference



Describe the Scene

Look carefully at the pirate scenes. Write some sentences about what you can see. Make sure to use capital letters and full stops, read through your sentences and try hard with your handwriting.



Silly Sentences

Roll a dice four times to give you a silly pirate-themed sentence! Some of the combinations can be really funny.

						
Who?	the friendly pirate	the evil pirate	the cheeky monkey	the colourful parrot	the brave captain	the motley crew
What?	jumped	swam	climbed	flew	swung	danced
Where?	on an island	the plank	in a shipwreck	across the sky	through the trees	in the sea
When?	today	yesterday	last week	a few minutes ago	at sunrise	once upon a time



Word Search

s w q p a r r o t s a x
 j w k d a j p e z d o f
 c u o g l d i s l a n d
 v r a r k h o h a f l k
 x l e y d c k e e o o n
 f f t r e a s u r e q w
 b v c o m p a s s g e o
 f p l m s t h o o k s i
 t o x a z a h u k k h r
 n j z d r i d f w m i h
 j c m a p n p q s n p p
 k p i r a t e d n r n l

hook

compass

map

pirate

ship

flag

sword

sea

island

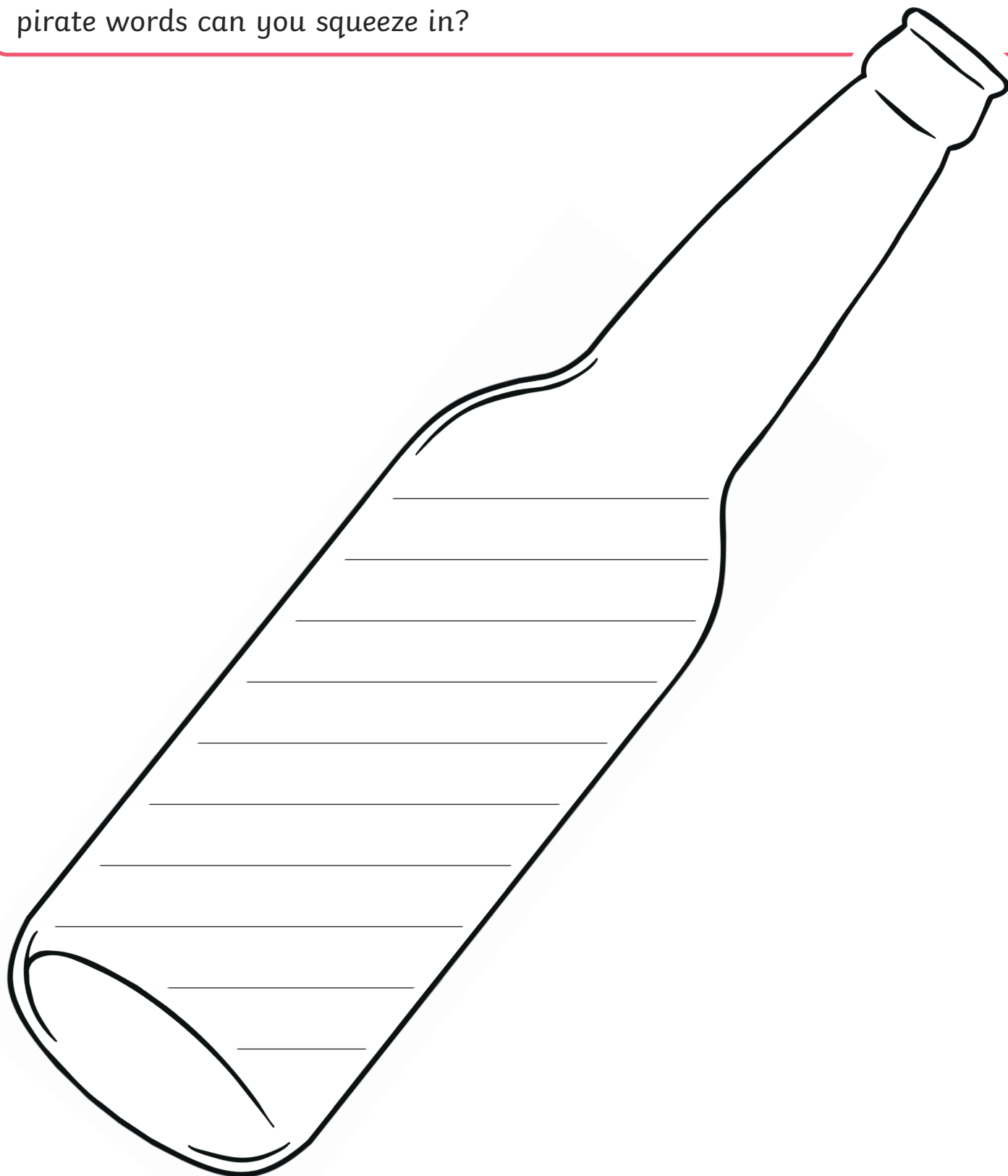
treasure

parrot

captain

Message in a Bottle

Now you are armed with lots of piratey words! Imagine you have been marooned on a deserted island. Write a message to any passersby, telling them about your trouble and asking them for help. How many pirate words can you squeeze in?



Pirate Eyepatch Craft



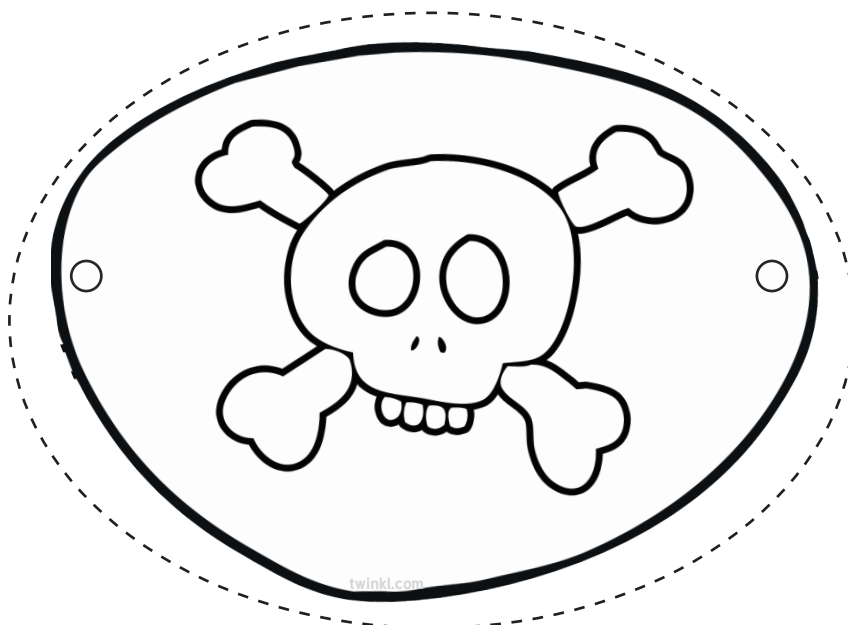
You will need:

- Pirate Eyepatch Template
- black colouring pencil or felt-tip pen
- scissors
- elastic or string
- sticky tape



Instructions:

1. Colour in the Pirate Eyepatch Template (provided). Remember to leave the skull and crossbones white.
2. Carefully, cut out the eyepatch.
3. Ask a grown-up to help you put holes in the eyepatch where the little circles are.
4. Get the elastic or string and put it around your head to work out how much you will need.
5. Then, thread this through the holes. This is a bit tricky; you might need a grown-up to help.
6. Use the sticky tape to keep the elastic or string in place.



Pirate Role Play

Now that you look like a pirate, why not have some fun pretending to be a pirate?

Here are some fun ideas to try...

- Why not make your own treasure map? You could then cut it into 4 sections (like in the video) and hide them around the room. Can somebody else find the pieces and locate the treasure? For some creative writing, you could write some clues for your hidden pieces.
- Set up a 'ship' outside. This could be in a paddling pool, or use a large recycled cardboard box which you can stand in. You could even decorate your ship and go on some adventure with your crew. For some creative writing, why not write in your 'log book' about your adventures?
- Imagine you are an evil pirate who is wanted across the seas for your crimes. Create your own WANTED poster and stick it up around the pirate 'town'.
- Use your puppets from the 'Describing Characters' activity to act out a pirate puppet show. You could design your own puppet characters to add to your show too. For some creative writing, have a go at writing a play script for your puppets.

Why role play?

Role play is great for developing your child's imagination. When children feel inspired and excited, they often find it a lot easier to think of ideas and get creative in their writing. If your child has struggled with their writing in this booklet, why not spend some time being pirates and then try the activities again?



Treasure Hunt Game

This is a fun game for two to six players which gets you moving, thinking and even writing!

You will need:

- Pirate Story Words (on the next page)
- scissors
- 2 - 6 players
- sticky tack (optional)

How to play:

1. Make sure you print the Pirate Story Words from the next page (or you could write the words and draw the pictures onto some scrap paper). You could laminate these and use them again, if you wish.
2. Cut the table up into separate cards so that you have six key words, six settings, six characters and six props.
3. Ask an adult or somebody who isn't playing to hide the cards around the room. No peeking! For younger children, it can be a good idea to use sticky tack to place them in slightly more visible spots.
4. The person who hid the cards can be the judge too.
5. When the judge says 'Go!' all of the players must run around the room and find the hidden 'treasure' cards. To win the game, you need one key word card, one setting card, one character card and one prop card.
6. Once you have found one of each, you must go to the judge and make a proper sentence using all four of your words/items. This could be verbal or you could ask players to write down their sentences.
7. The winner is the first person to tell the judge a full sentence which

includes all four of their words.

Extra Ideas

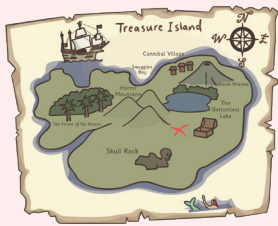
- If playing with older children, provide some pens and paper and ask them to write a short paragraph including their four words or items.
- If playing with fewer players, you could challenge them to make two sentences per person.
- Younger children could work in pairs so that they feel a little bit more confident.
- Design your own Treasure Hunt Game! You could keep the pirate theme, or do something completely different. It's a great way to encourage creativity and practise making sentences.

Prop

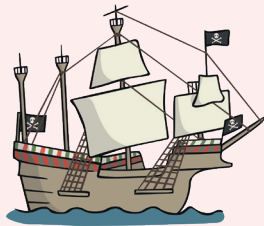
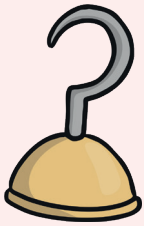
Setting

Character

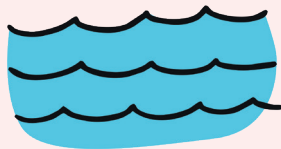
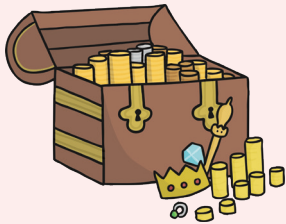
Key word



frightening



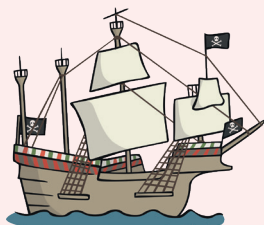
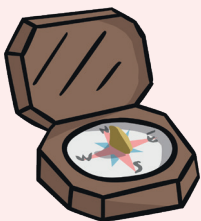
funny



crazy



lonely

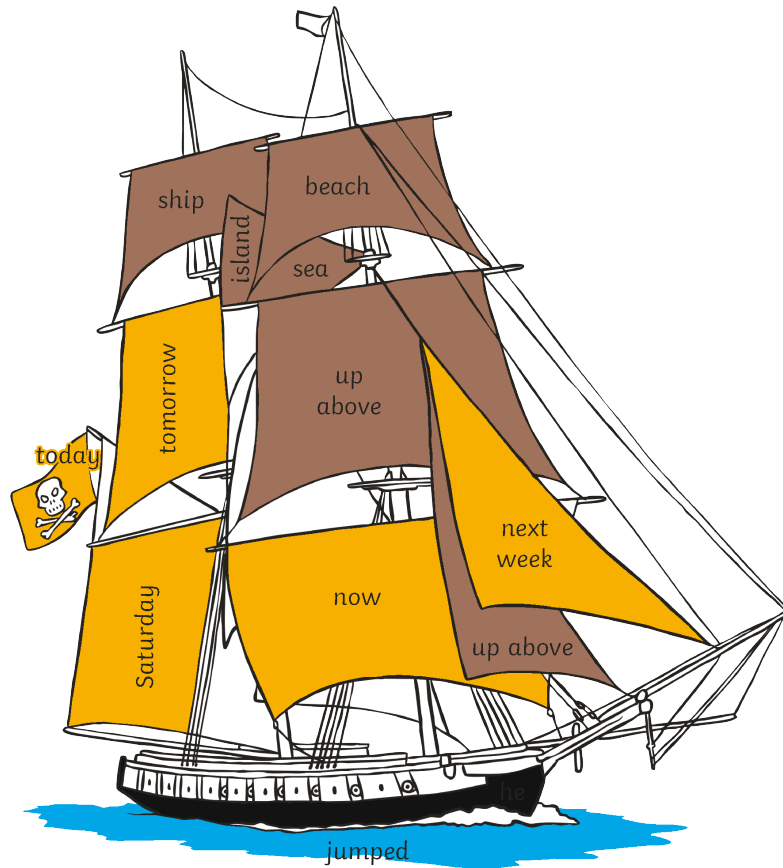


mystery



stranger

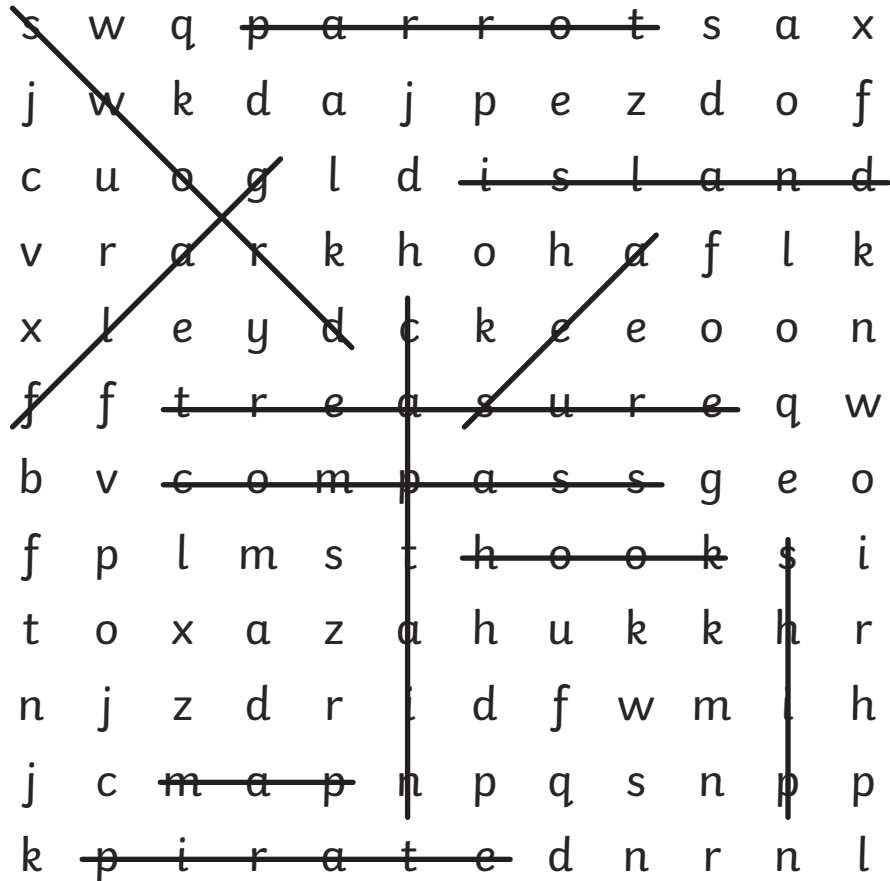
Word Type Colouring **Answers**



Spot the Difference **Answers**



Word Search Answers



hook

compass

map

pirate

ship

flag

sword

sea

island

treasure

parrot

captain

We hope you find the information on our website and resource useful. The description of any physical activity contained within this resource is intended as a general guide only. It may not fit your specific situation. You should not rely on the resource to be right for your situation. It is your responsibility to decide whether to carry out the activity at all and, if you do, to ensure that the activity is safe for those participating. You are responsible for carrying out proper risk assessments on the activities and for providing appropriate supervision. We are not responsible for the health and safety of your group or environment so, insofar as it is possible under the law, we cannot accept liability for any loss suffered by anyone undertaking any activity or activities referred to or described in this resource. It is also your responsibility to ensure that those participating in the activity are fit enough to do so and that you or the organisation you are organising it for has the relevant insurance to carry out the physical activity. If you are unsure in any way, we recommend that you take guidance from a suitably qualified professional.

We hope the information on our website and resources is useful. It is your responsibility to note that some ingredients and/or materials used might cause allergic reactions or health problems and to ensure that you are fully aware of the allergies and health conditions of those taking part. If you have any concerns about your own or somebody else's health or wellbeing, always speak to a qualified health professional. Remember, activities listed within the resource should always be supervised by an appropriate adult.