

# All about Pirates



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Pirates were people who sailed ships around the world looking for other ships to attack. When they attacked ships, they would try to steal whatever the other ship had, especially treasure.

Some pirates had unusual nicknames, such as Blackbeard, Calico Jack and Redbeard.



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Click on the picture to find out more about pirates.



This flag is called the **Jolly Roger**. Lots of pirate ships flew this flag. When other ships saw the **Jolly Roger**, they knew there was trouble ahead.



Lots of pirates wore **gold** and **silver jewellery** because they believed it gave them good eyesight.



Some pirates wore an **eyepatch**. It is believed that they did this to make each eye stronger so they could see in the dark.

# No Girls Allowed

**pardon** -  
to forgive

Most pirates believed that it was unlucky to have women on board. However, that didn't stop these women!

## Grace O'Malley

Grace lived nearly 500 years ago and was a leader of the Ó Máille clan in Ireland. Although she had lots of land and people to rule, Grace loved sailing and became known as a fearsome pirate.



## Anne Bonny

Over 300 years ago, while sailing to the Caribbean, Anne met a pirate called Jack Rackham. They got married and became a feared pirate couple.

## Cheng I Sao

After Cheng I Sao's pirate husband died, she took over leading his pirate crew. After years of ruling her fearsome fleet, the government stated that, if she stopped being a pirate, they would offer her a **pardon**. Cheng I Sao agreed and even got to keep most of her treasure!

# What Is Your Pirate Name?

Use this **pirate name generator** to make yourself a pirate name.

| First Name            |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Your Favourite Colour | Your Pirate First Name |
| Blue                  | Matey                  |
| Red                   | Captain                |
| Pink                  | Pegleg                 |
| Purple                | One-eyed               |
| Green                 | Scallywag              |
| Orange                | Buccaneer              |
| Yellow                | Master                 |
| Black                 | Skipper                |
| White                 | Shipmate               |

| Second Name           |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Your Favourite Animal | Your Pirate Second Name |
| Cat                   | Blackbeard              |
| Dog                   | Sparrow                 |
| Bird                  | Hornswoggle             |
| Hamster               | Swashbuckler            |
| Horse                 | Lubber                  |
| Something else        | McBoatface              |

# Talk like a Pirate

Pirates had special words for lots of different things.  
Can you guess what these words and phrases mean?

**Ahoy!**  
Hello!

**Avast ye!**  
Pay attention!

**landlubber**  
a non-pirate

**doubloons**  
gold coins

**matey**  
friend

**booty**  
treasure

**sea shanty**  
song

**Land ahoy!**  
I can see land up ahead.

**aye**  
yes

**Shiver me timbers!**  
Oh my goodness!

**go ho ho**  
Something you say when you're happy.



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Here are some tips for talking like a pirate.

- Have a go at making your voice sound like a growl.
- Try to emphasise the 'r' sound in all of your words.
- Don't say the letter 'h' in any words, for example 'me hearties' would be 'me arties'.
- Don't say the letter 'g' at the end of words, for example 'sailing' would be 'sailin'.

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'Yo ho ho, there be lots of doubloons for us.'



'Shiver me timbers, land ahoy!'

'Avast, ye scurvy dog!'



'Arrgh, me matey, lets go sailin' and get some booty!'



