



**Activity 1**

**I am learning to identify synonyms.**

**Reading**

Read the book "Pirates Love Underpants" by Clair Freedman or watch the YouTube clip.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vd8\\_Y1bEzA8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vd8_Y1bEzA8)

As you read or listen to the story you are going to collect synonyms for the word pants, how many can you find?

Here is a link to a short clip explaining synonyms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFFW9zKJ5os>

**Writing**

Now do your own research.

Find as many synonyms as you can for **pirate**, **boat** and **treasure**.

**Handy hint**  
A synonym is a word or phrase that means the same as another word of phrase. So your job is to look for as many different words for "pants" as you can. You might be able to find more examples in a thesaurus.





I am learning to use synonyms.

## Activity 2

### Reading

Below is a piece of writing by a boy whose ship has been captured by pirates.

Read through and find the synonyms for:

- bad
- quiet
- big
- wet
- cold
- talk
- scared

The weather was terrible. I needed somewhere to hide, anywhere would do. I silently crawled inside a large wooden crate. The shelter was much needed, I was soaked and freezing. I could hear the pirates chatting around me. I was terrified.

### Writing

To be an amazing writer we need to be able to understand the vocabulary that we are using, you are going to show this by sorting words into groups. On the following slide you need to help the pirates improve their use of vocabulary by matching the synonym to the correct pirate.

sad



happy



scared



angry



Activity 2

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|-------------|------------|---------|----------|
| cheerful    | delighted  | dismal  | fearful  |
| heartbroken | distressed | bitter  | joyful   |
| afraid      | sorrowful  | nervous | enraged  |
| annoyed     | furiously  | glad    | downcast |

**Handy hint**

You could cut out the words and stick them in your books or write them in lists.



Can you add some synonyms of your own to the lists?





## Activity 3

### I am learning to use synonyms within my writing.

Read the two pieces of writing on the following slide and compare the two. One is the Captain's first draft and features words he regularly uses all the time, the second one he has edited and tried to improve it with more interesting synonyms. Which one do you think has more powerful vocabulary and is more interesting to read?

#### Writing

You are now going to show off your learning this week by thinking carefully about your choice of vocabulary in a short piece of writing. You are going to imagine you are one of the pirates from the story, either a pirate who stole the golden pants or one of the pirates who had the golden bloomers stolen from you. What happens to you? How are you feeling? Why do you feel this way? What are you going to do next?

#### Challenge level

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| <b>Mild</b>        | I can use the correct punctuation including finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.     |
| <b>Medium</b>      | I can spell <b>tricky words</b> (Year 1) and <b>common exception words</b> (Year 2) correctly. |
| <b>Hot</b>         | I can use the bank of synonyms to make my writing more interesting.                            |
| <b>Extra spicy</b> | I can edit my work by replacing words I always use with more exciting and unusual synonyms.    |



We had to go past crocodiles on a bridge. Then we went in a dark cave. The floor was wet and I nearly fell over. There were snakes and bones and spiders in the cave. It was scary. Then we found the other pirates asleep. We cut the elastic on their pants and ran away. I was happy that I had the golden pants.



~~We~~ The crew had to creep past crocodiles on a high rickety bridge. Then we tiptoed into a ~~dark~~ pitch black cave. The floor was ~~wet~~ slimy and I nearly fell over. ~~There were~~ Out of the corner of my eye I spotted slithering snakes ~~and bones~~ and scuttling spiders in the cave. It was ~~scary~~ terrifying. Then we ~~found~~ snuck up on the other sleeping pirate crew. We ~~cut~~ sliced through the elastic on their pants and ~~ran away~~ fled. I was ~~happy~~ delighted that I had the golden pants.



### Captains history challenge-

#### Can you identify key people of historical interest?

Watch the clip about one of the most famous pirates in history. Use the headings to help you complete a fact file, all the information can be found within the clip

Theme-  
History



Pirate name:

Real name:

Name of ship:

Best known for:

Originally lived in:

What his enemies feared most:

What he loves most:

What does his flag look like:

How did he care for his crew:

How did he die:

#### Handy hint

The link to the clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2IaNvAmBzU>

You might find it helpful to watch the clip once, then read the fact file and fill it in as you watch for a second time.

Can you find out about any other pirates like Anne Bonney, William Kidd, Grace O'Malley or Black Bart?

Super Hot



**Captains D&T challenge-**

**Can you build me a new ship??**

You will need to identify the key features of a ship.  
You will need to design and construct your ship.  
You will need to see if it is sea worthy- does it sink or float?



**Handy hint**

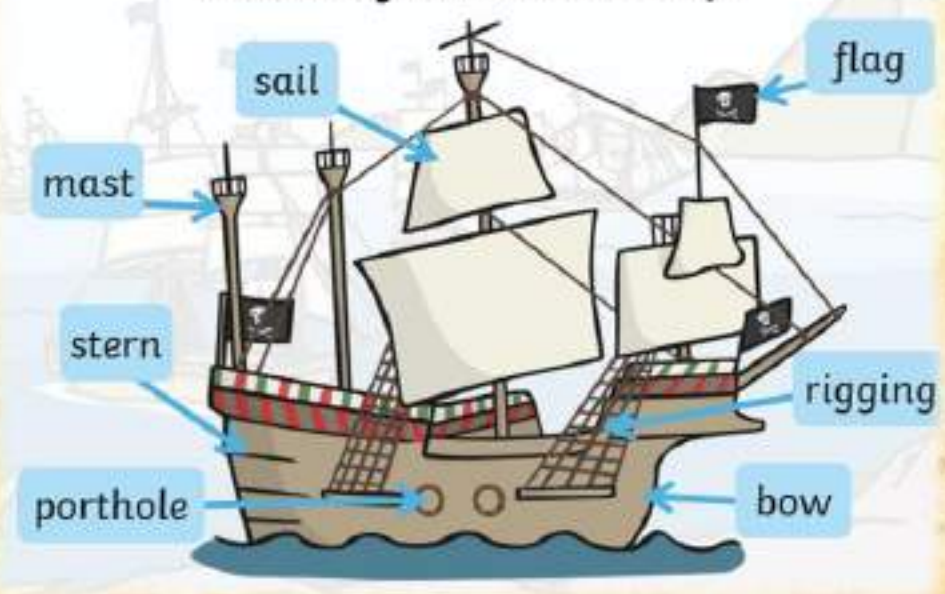
Do a search on the internet to help you generate ideas. You will need to look for ships built during the "Golden Age of Piracy" which is between the 1650s and the 1730s. Here is a link for a clip about Black Beard's ship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v71FTF0pSD4>

You can also find helpful resources on Twinkl by searching "pirate ship"



**Parts of a Pirate Ship**





What to look for this week on your nature walks

## Stag Beetles

Stag beetles spend most of their very long life cycle underground as a larva. This can be anywhere from three to seven years depending on the weather. Periods of very cold weather can extend the process. Once fully grown, the larvae leave the rotting wood they've been feeding on to build a large cocoon in the soil where they pupate and finally metamorphose into an adult. Adults spend the winter underground in the soil and usually emerge from mid-May onwards. By the end of August, most of them will have died. They do not survive the winter. During their short adult lives, male stag beetles spend their days sunning themselves to gather strength for the evening's activities of flying in search of a mate.

**Did you know....**  
The jaws of the male stag beetle look fearsome, but are actually quite weak, making this beetle pretty harmless to humans.



Stag Beetle larvae



Male and female  
Stag Beetles