

The Mystery of the Missing Treasure

Ahoy! The captain of The Black Barnacle needs your help. Yesterday, Aisha the Awful and her cruel crew stole a chest full of lovely treasure but it has vanished from the captain's cabin. The only explanation is that one of Aisha's own crew has turned against her and has taken the treasure for themselves!

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out which pirate stole the treasure before Aisha the Awful makes her whole crew walk the plank! You have taken down the names and descriptions of 20 pirates who work on The Black Barnacle. There are also five important clues that have been discovered on the ship.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to solve the mystery and find out who stole the treasure before the whole crew are fed to the sharks?

Good luck!



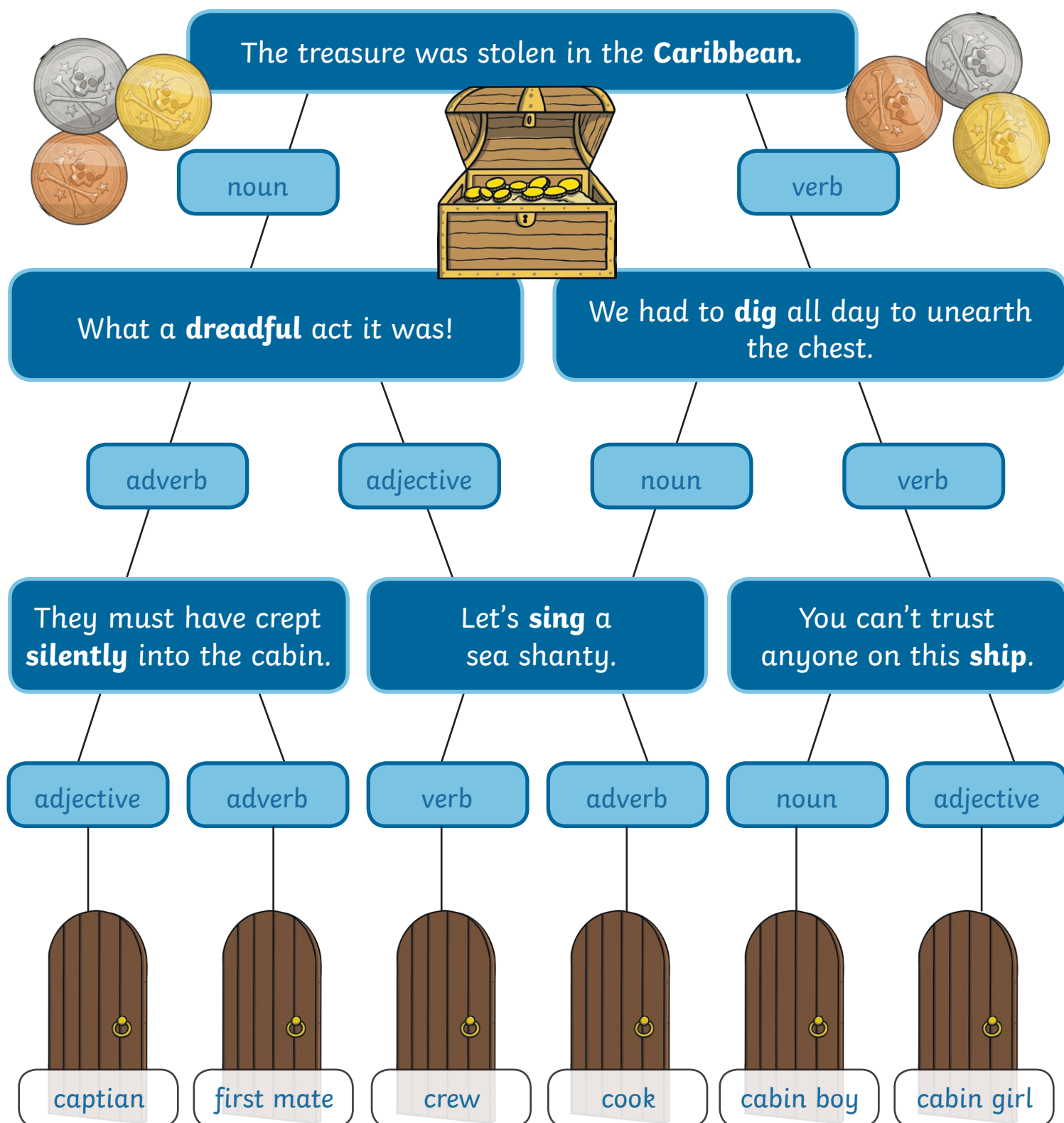
Pirate Descriptions

Name	Job	Special Feature	Do They Have a Beard?	Favourite Food or Drink	Favourite Treasure
Aisha the Awful	captain	eye patch	no	rum	silver
Barnacle Bella	cabin girl	wooden leg	no	fish	gold
Blackbeard Bradley	crew	earring	yes	sea biscuit	bronze
Cannonball Cara	cabin girl	eye patch	yes	rum	silver
Eye-Patch Ella	crew	eye patch	no	fish	gold
Hester of the High Seas	crew	wooden leg	no	sea biscuit	bronze
Hook-Hand Handa	crew	hook	no	rum	silver
Hugo the Horrible	first mate	earring	no	fish	gold
Landlubber Louie	cook	eye patch	yes	sea biscuit	gold
Jolly Roger	crew	hook	yes	rum	silver
One-Legged Wanda	cook	wooden leg	no	fish	gold
Peg-Leg Petra	crew	wooden leg	no	sea biscuit	bronze
Porthole Polina	crew	wooden leg	no	rum	gold
Scurvy Sid	cabin boy	eye patch	yes	fish	gold
Salty Sea-Legs Serena	crew	wooden leg	no	rum	bronze
Seasick Sahad	crew	hook	yes	rum	silver
Shark-Bait Shalom	cabin boy	eye patch	no	sea biscuit	gold
Swashbuckling Susan	crew	wooden leg	no	fish	bronze
Tessa the Terrible	crew	wooden leg	no	rum	silver
Toothless Tyrese	crew	hook	yes	fish	gold

The pirate that stole the treasure is _____.

Clue 1: Cunning Coin Class Clues

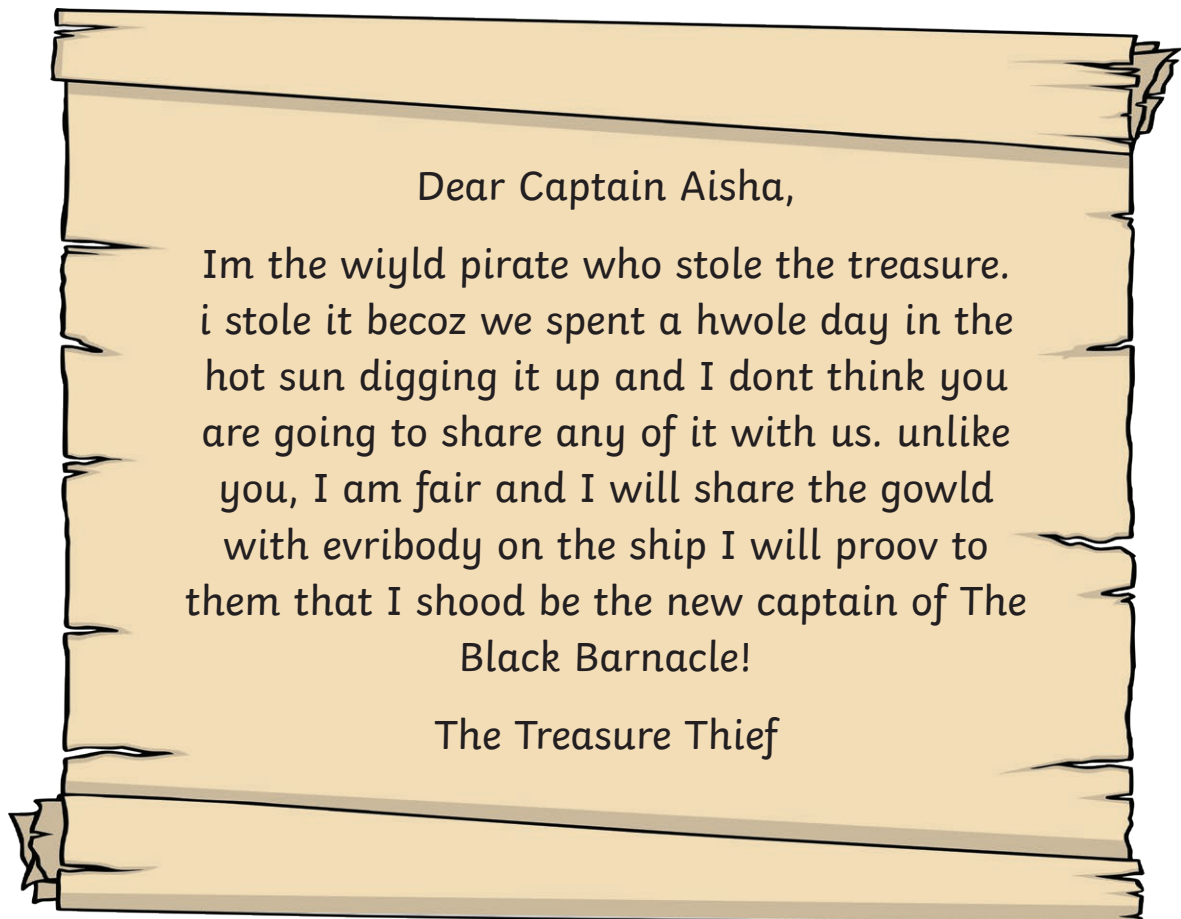
Some coins from the treasure chest were left behind at the scene of the crime. Decide the word class of the words in **bold**. Follow the trail to reveal the job of culprit.



The pirate that stole the treasure must be _____.

Clue 2: A Nasty Nautical Note

Captain Aisha has received an anonymous note from the pirate who stole the treasure. The culprit was not very good with their spelling or punctuation. Circle the spelling and punctuation mistakes and write them correctly in the boxes below. The most common type of mistake will tell you whether or not the thief has a beard.



Spelling Mistake



If there are more **spelling** mistakes,
the pirate does **not** have a beard.

Punctuation Mistake



If there are more **punctuation**
mistakes, the pirate **does** have
a beard.

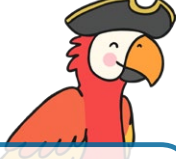
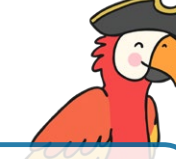
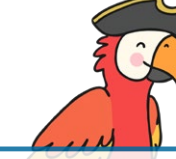
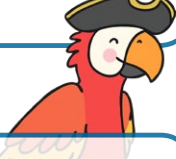
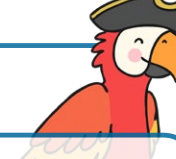
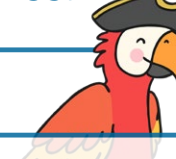
Does the treasure thief have a beard?

☐ yes

☐ no

Clue 3: Chatty Pollies

The pirates' parrots are always repeating things that the pirates have said. Their chatter can help to solve the crime. Write the parrots' sentences with the correct punctuation in the correct box below to reveal the special feature of the thief.

 how many pieces of gold are in the chest	 what a sneaky crime that was	 go and bury it on the desert island	 the treasure comes from Egypt
 who's a pretty boy	 how brightly the gold glitters	 don't tell anyone where the treasure is hidden	 who will walk the plank

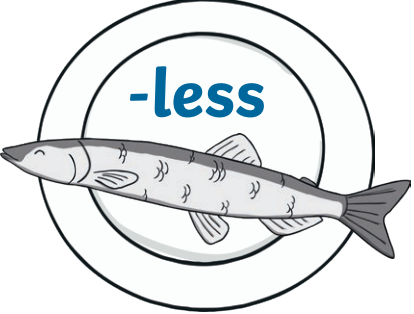
Question	Exclamation	Command	Statement
If question sentences are most common, the pirate's feature is a wooden leg.	If exclamation sentences are most common, the pirate's feature is an eye patch.	If command sentences are most common, the pirate's feature is an earring.	If statement sentences are most common, the pirate's feature is a hook.

The most common type of sentence is _____ so the treasure thief's special feature is _____.

Clue 4: Shipshape Dinner Plates

It's dinner time on The Black Barnacle but who is eating what? Read the words and decide which suffixes can be added to create new words. Write the completed words on the correct dinner plates. The plate with the most words will show the favourite food or drink of the pirate who stole the treasure.

Expression	-less	-ness	-ment
amaze			
bald			
bold			
dark			
enjoy			
harm			
punish			
shame			
taste			
pay			

 If -less is used the most, the pirate's favourite food is fish.	 If -ness is used the most, the pirate's favourite food is sea biscuits.	 If -ment is used the most, the pirate's favourite drink is rum.
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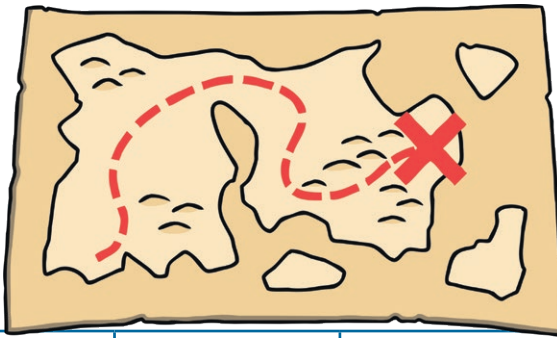
The suffix _____ is used the most so the treasure thief must be having _____.

Clue 5: Un-Buried Treasure

A map has been discovered. It shows where the pirate has hidden the treasure! Can you follow the trail from the pirate ship to the treasure by adding the prefix **un-** to the beginning of words? Follow the real words to find out the thief's favourite type of treasure.

Start





zip	cabin	sails	fish	rigging	rope
lucky	kind	wrap	jewel	plank	spot
octopus	shark	fair	palm	tree	sand
sun	sword	friendly	cannon	salt	skull
water	tail	tidy	healthy	helpful	pack
hook	ocean	dolphin	waves	bones	load
map	story	safe	opened	eaten	loved
walk	captain	spoken	song	sea	dog
land	jig	worn	selfish	row	fin
ahoy	song	sparkle	happy	ruby	diamond

Gold



Silver



Bronze



The treasure thief's favourite treasure is _____.

The Mystery of the Missing Treasure **Answers**

Clue 1: Cunning Coin Class Clues

The treasure was stolen in the Caribbean.

noun

verb

What a dreadful act it was!

We had to dig all day to unearth the chest.

adverb

adjective

noun

verb

They must have crept silently into the cabin.

Let's **sing** a sea shanty.

You can't trust anyone on this ship.

adjective

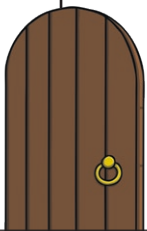
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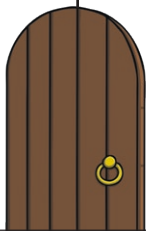
adverb

noun

adjective



captain



first mate



crew



cook



cabin boy



cabin girl

The pirate that stole the treasure must be **crew**.

Clue 2: A Nasty Nautical Note

Dear Captain Aisha,

Im the **wiyld** pirate who stole the treasure.
i stole it **becoz** we spent a **hwole** day in the
hot sun digging it up and I **dont** think you
are going to share any of it with us. **unlike**
you, I am fair and I will share the **gowld**
with **evribody** on the **ship** I will **proof** to
them that I **shood** be the new captain of The
Black Barnacle!

The Treasure Thief

Spelling Mistake

wild
because
whole
gold
everybody
prove
should

If the most mistakes were **spelling**,
the pirate does **not** have a beard.

Punctuation Mistake

I'm
I
don't
Unlike
ship.

If the most mistakes were
punctuation, the pirate **does** have
a beard.

Does the treasure thief have a beard?

☐ yes

☒ no

Clue 3: Chattie Pollies

Statement	Exclamation	Command	Statement
How many pieces of gold are in the chest?	What a sneaky crime that was!	Go and bury it on the desert island.	The treasure comes from Egypt.
Who's a pretty boy?	How brightly the gold glitters!	Don't tell anyone where the treasure is hidden.	If statement is used the most, the pirate's feature is a hook .
Who will walk the plank?	If exclamation is used the most, the pirate's feature is an eye patch .	If command is used the most, the pirate's feature is an earring .	
If question is used the most, the pirate's feature is a peg leg .			

The most common type of sentence is **question sentences** so the treasure thief's special feature is **a wooden leg**.

Clue 4: Shipshape Dinner Plates

Expression	-less	-ness	-ment
amaze			X
bald		X	
bold		X	
dark		X	
enjoy			X
harm	X		
punish			X
shame	X		
taste	X		
pay			X

-less harmless shameless tasteless If -less is used the most, the pirate's favourite food is fish.	-ness boldness darkness baldness If -ness is used the most, the pirate's favourite food is sea biscuits.	-ment amazement punishment enjoyment payment If -ment is used the most, the pirate's favourite drink is rum.
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The suffix **-ment** is used the most so the pirate thief must be having **rum**.

Clue 5: Un-Buried Treasure

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unzip	cabin	sails	fish	rigging	rope
unlucky	unkind	unwrap	jewel	plank	spot
octopus	shark	unfair	palm	tree	sand
sun	sword	unfriendly	cannon	salt	skull
water	tail	untidy	unhealthy	unhelpful	unpack
hook	ocean	dolphin	waves	bones	unload
map	story	unsafe	unopened	uneaten	unloved
walk	captain	unspoken	song	sea	dog
land	jig	unworn	unselfish	row	fin
ahoy	song	sparkle	unhappy	ruby	diamond
		Gold 	Silver 	Bronze 	

The treasure thief's favourite treasure is **silver**.

The pirate that stole the treasure is **Tessa the Terrible**.