

Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn

Teacher Resources, Week 1

This PDF contains:

- **Text Questions:** In this section, you will find questions about the chapter. These can be used orally in guided or shared reading discussions, as an independent comprehension exercise, or as part of a written homework or reading club activity.
- **Making the Choice and Voting:** Before choosing how to vote, students could discuss, as a group or a class, the wider context of the story and the consequences for the characters of each voting option at the end of the chapter. Students should be encouraged to use a variety of resources in their research, including books and the Internet.
- **Writing Activities:** Fiction Express for Schools provides a brilliant springboard into writing and some ideas and inspiration are provided in this section.
- **Other Extension Activities:** This section provides ideas for cross-curricular extension activities related to the chapter.
- **Templates:** This section provides printable templates for one, or some, of the exercises suggested in the 'Writing Activities' section.
- **Worksheets:** This section provides printable worksheets for student use. Answers are also provided.
- **Key Words and Phrases:** This section provides a selection of key words and phrases from the chapter for use in a classroom literacy display or 'working wall'.
- **Picture Resources:** This section provides images to inspire student discussion. These images can be displayed on a whiteboard or printed.
- **Resources:** Here you will find a list of relevant websites and books that students might find useful.

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Text Questions

Chapter 1: The Giant Reward

1. What is the name of Captain Jellybeard's ship?
2. What two pieces of disguise does Jessica Jellybeard use to make her look like a pirate?
3. What is the pirate newspaper called?
4. Where are 'the South Seas'?
5. What is the reward mentioned in the newspaper? What is a 'doubloon'?
6. What two adjectives did Captain Jellybeard use to describe the prawn? How else did she describe it?

TEACHER NOTE: deadly and huge; smells awful

7. What is the name of Captain Jellybeard's worst enemy? What is his ship called?
8. What do *you* think 'batten down the hatches' means?
9. What three verbs does the author use to describe what the pirates did when they heard that Skullbone was nearby?

TEACHER NOTE: turned, gasped, went pale

10. Why doesn't the *Silly Sally* have any cannonballs?
11. What does the Jolly Roger Flag look like?

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Making the Choice and Voting

What is Captain Jellybeard's secret weapon?

Option 1: A dressing up box, so that her pirates can disguise themselves as monsters and scare Skullbone's crew away.

What monsters do you think the crew could dress up as? Do you think Skullbone and his crew will be frightened? Will the crew of the *Silly Sally* still be able to sail the ship if they are wearing monster disguises?

Option 2: A cannonball full of biting fleas to fire at the *Nasty Nancy*.

Do you think this plan will work? Will Jellybeard and her crew be able to make a getaway? Will the fleas keep the crew of the *Nasty Nancy* busy for long enough? What if the fleas jump back onto the *Silly Sally*?

Option 3: A giant picture of an empty ocean for the *Silly Sally* to hide behind.

This is probably the silliest secret weapon, but do you think it might work? What would Skullbone think if the ship seemed to disappear? Skullbone and his crew might be very superstitious. They might think that the *Silly Sally* is a ghost ship and be frightened away.

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Writing Activities

Imagine you are a pirate, sailing to the South Seas in pursuit of the Giant Prawn. What sights might you see? What will conditions on the ship be like? What about your fellow pirates? What food would you eat? Write a daily diary describing a week aboard a pirate ship. Discuss your diary with a partner.

'Yo ho ho', 'Aharr' and 'Batten down the hatches' are three pirate terms used in chapter 1 of *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn*. Read the text and research to list five more terms that pirates like to use. Practise talking like a pirate with one of your friends.

Here is a daft limerick about one of the *Silly Sally's* crew:

*There was a young buccaneer Ben,
He was the bravest of men,
He could run up the mast,
He was ever so fast,
Then he'd parachute down again.*

Write your own limerick about one of the crew of the *Silly Sally* or the *Nasty Nancy*. You can use one of the named crew members, or make up a new name.

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Other Extension Activities

Art Activities

Draw a picture of the *Silly Sally* or the *Nasty Nancy*. Add some of the things mentioned in the story, such as a lookout, the Jolly Roger flag, cannons and cannonballs.

What do you think the crew of the *Silly Sally* look like? Do you think they are adults or children or both? Draw pictures of Captain Jessica Jellybeard, Buccaneer Ben, the lookout and other members of the crew.

Draw the front page of *The Pirate's Daily News*. As well as the quest for the Giant South Sea Prawn, what other stories might you like to include on the front page?

Drama Activities

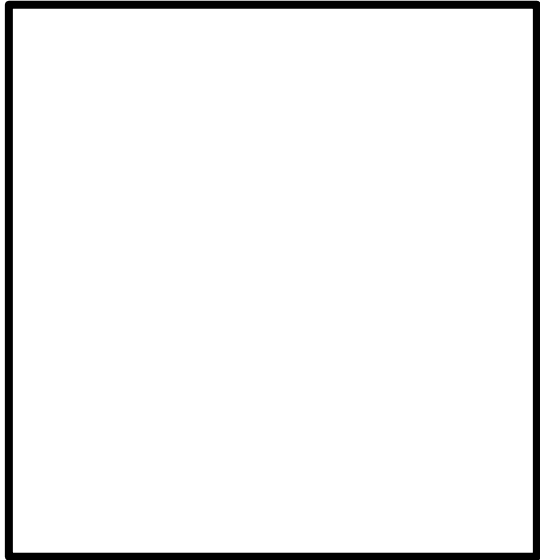
Choose a scene from chapter 1 of *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn* and write it out as a drama script. Make sure you show who is speaking, and add stage directions. Remember to use pirate terms and expressions.

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Template: Newspaper

Newspaper name

Headline

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Worksheet: Nouns

Nouns are naming words. They tell us the names of things. Here are some examples: pirate, ship, flag. They often have a definite article (the) or an indefinite article (a/an/some) in front of them.

Underline the nouns in these sentences (there might be more than one noun in a sentence):

It was a sunny day on board their sailing ship.

He read the front page out loud to the pirates.

"I thought prawns were tiny little things."

"It's a scary monster as big as a house."

"Head for the middle of the ocean."

"Man the cannons!"

"I have a secret weapon."

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Worksheet ANSWERS

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Key Words and Phrases

Here is a list of challenging or potentially unfamiliar vocabulary used in Chapter 1 of *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn*.

You may wish to explore this vocabulary with your pupils, to aid their understanding of the chapter and enhance, or 'up level', the quality of their own writing.

You might like to use the boxed versions of the words below on your 'working wall' or literacy display!

doubloons

deadly

sneaky villain

waves rolled

panic

**batten
down**

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Picture Resources

This picture shows a child dressed up as a pirate.

Is this what you thought Jessica Jellybeard might look like?

What has Jessica Jellybeard got that this pirate hasn't?

Would you like to dress up as a pirate? What items of clothing would you need?



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Picture Resources

This picture shows a modern reconstruction of a pirate ship.



How do you know it is a pirate ship?

Where does the lookout stand?

Where are the cannons?

Where do you think this pirate ship might be?

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Picture Resources

This picture shows nine things you might find on a pirate ship.



Can you name them all?

What is the compass used for?

Why did pirates have lots of treasure?

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TEACHER NOTE: the objects shown are:

treasure chest

pistol

cutlass

map

compass

steering wheel

Jolly Roger flag

pirate hat

cannon

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Resources

Websites

This website has some great pirate facts, a pirate dictionary and pirate puzzles. <http://www.the-pirate-ship.com/piratefacts.html>

This website has more pirate facts:

<http://www.history-for-kids.com/pirate-facts.html>

This website has a pirate song and the pirate code:

<http://www.thekidswindow.co.uk/News/Pirates.htm>

Books

Non-fiction

The Usborne Official Pirate's Handbook by Sam Taplin, Usborne Publishing, 2014

Pirate Things to Make and Do by Rebecca Gilpin, Usborne Publishing, 2011

Dressing Up As A Pirate, Franklin Watts, 2013

Fiction

The Pirate's Curse (Sir Charlie Stinky Socks series) by Kristina Stephenson, Egmont Publishing, 2014

My Granny is a Pirate by Val McDermid, Orchard Books, 2012