

Boredom Busters Bitez

PERFECT PIRATES

Today's theme is all about pirates! Pirates lived life on the open seas with their mateys. They sailed their ships and had lots of adventures! Pirates attacked other pirates for their treasures. And some pirates even took each others ships! They traveled sea to sea with odd pets like parrots, ferrets, and more. Pirates were not to be messed with.

Today's fun includes a puzzle to decode a pirate's hidden message, an activity to make your own treasure map, and an activity to write your own pirate tale!

Blackbeard's Message

Ahoy Matey! Pirates had lots of secrets. Pirates wrote in code to make sure their messages couldn't be read by any landlubbers. Use the pirate code below to decipher the hidden message!



Pirate Treasure Hunt

Pirates kept their treasures in safe places. That way their treasures couldn't be stolen! Pirates usually kept their treasures on secret islands, in secret caves, and in hidden chests. No pirate could ever be too careful! Sometimes pirates were too careful and they forgot where they hid their treasures! That is why they needed treasure clues. Pirates also gave their matey's clues so they could find the treasure too! Use the instructions below to create your own treasure hunt.

- 1.** Take your treasure and hide it in your tip top secret treasure spot. You can put your treasure in a box before hiding it in your spot. This spot should be under furniture, under a bush, behind a stuffed animal, or anywhere else another pirate would not easily find it.
- 2.** Write out 5-10 clues for your treasure hunt. The answer to the clue should lead your matey to a landmark. If your clue is, "I have four legs, but I don't have feet. I come in handy when it's time to eat." then the next clue should be found at the dinner table. You can get creative and write your own clues, or you can use some of the clues on the next page!
- 3.** Have your matey sit in another room or close their eyes while you set up the clues.
- 4.** When you finish give your matey the first clue so they can start the treasure hunt!

Pirate Treasure Hunt Sample Clues

Here is a list of sample clues you can use while making your treasure hunt!

I have four legs, but I don't have feet.
I come in handy when it's time to eat.

ANSWER: **TABLE**

For fast heating or cooking, I am tops. And,
oh, that good smell when my popcorn pops!

ANSWER: **MICROWAVE**

I'm packed really full of boxes and cans.
I may hold a broom or a mop or a dustpan.

ANSWER: **CLOSET**

Flour and sugar and coffee and tea,
I keep these handy but hard to see.

ANSWER: **CABINET**

I can take you to places you've never seen,
But first type your password in on my screen.

ANSWER: **COMPUTER**

I rain on you when you need a scrub.
I'm very much like my friend the tub.

ANSWER: **SHOWER**

I make it possible to have fresh food.
Everyone agrees I'm one cool dude.

ANSWER: **REFRIGERATOR**

Watching your favorites is lots of fun.
But don't watch too much! Kids need to run.

ANSWER: **TELEVISION**

I have a round knob and also a lock.
Visitors and salesmen may give me a knock.

ANSWER: **FRONT DOOR**

I'm filled with feathers or other soft fluff.
To sleep without me can be quite tough.

ANSWER: **PILLOW**

Turn me on and I'll give you a light.
I'm used some in the daytime but mostly at night.

ANSWER: **LAMP**

A story, they say, can take you away,
But a book still needs a place to stay.

ANSWER: **BOOKSHELF**

I have drawers and also a nice flat top. For
homework I'm helpful -- Keep working. Don't stop!

ANSWER: **DESK**

I'm not a selfie, but I do show faces.
Find me in bathrooms and a few other places.

ANSWER: **MIRROR**

Most every day, you step on me.
All I require is a bend of your knee.

ANSWER: **STAIRS**

I have hands but no arms and also a face. And my
hands always move at the same steady pace.

ANSWER: **CLOCK**

The more I dry, the wetter I get.
A little one can be used for soaking up sweat.

ANSWER: **TOWEL**

I'm never wicked, but I do have a wick.
I come in all sizes, from skinny to thick.

ANSWER: **CANDLE**

I take your clothes for quite a spin.
But first, they get wet. That's how I begin.

ANSWER: **WASHING MACHINE**

Write Your Own Pirate's Tale

Write your own pirate's tale by filling in the answers below.
After you fill in the answers, flip the page, and fill in the blanks with
your answers. Read your story out loud!

Color: _____

Nickname: _____

Adjective: _____

Verb: _____

Number: _____

Animal: _____

Verb: _____

Noun: _____

Noun: _____

Food: _____

Beverage: _____

Party Supply: _____

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I know you have heard of the famous pirate _____
COLOR

Beard the Pirate. You haven't? Well his matey's called him _____
NICKNAME

for short. He lived a(n) _____ life. He _____ the
ADJECTIVE VERB

_____ seas with his pet _____. The townspeople feared them,
NUMBER ANIMAL

and whenever they docked into port people would scream

" _____ or they'll put you in a _____ !" The only problem
VERB NOUN

was they didn't want to be feared! So one day they went into town with

their treasure chest full of _____. They opened up the chest
NOUN

and let everyone in the town take a piece. After that day,

the townspeople loved the pirate. They even threw the pirate a big

celebration full of _____, _____, and _____.
FOOD BEVERAGE PARTY SUPPLY



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