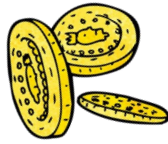


# Treasure Island

An Early Years and Primary curriculum based activity sheet for the whole family.

## Dig for Treasure



Pretend that you are pirates. What Pirate names can you give yourselves? One-eyed Jake? Captain Rum Belly? Sally Scurvy? Hop-a-long Harry? Courtney Cutlass? Or you could make up your own pirate name.

You are looking for treasure. Sail to a desert island, find the treasure and start digging... but watch out for the other pirates!

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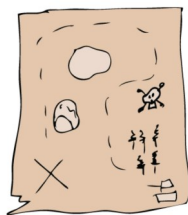
- Helping your child to recognise letters and hear the sounds that they make will help them to read and write.
- Labelling the map will develop your child's writing and spelling skills.

## Dress up

You could make an eye-patches for each other from old black material, paper and some elastic or thread. What other clothes can you find to make up your pirate costume?

## Treasure Map

Can you make a treasure map. Find a piece of paper and draw an island on it.



What sort of island is it? Are there caves or a swamp, a river or a forest?

Think of the names for the places on the island, Here are some ideas... Monkey Beach, Sunny field, Rowing Boat Cove, Pearl Coast, Adventure Meadow.

Remember to mark North, South, East and West .

Get an old teabag and dab it on the map to make it look old... you could also screw the map into a ball to make it creased or carefully rip the corners.

## Treasure Trove

Make some gold coins out of spare paper and write a letter on each one e.g. d p g

Say the sounds that the letters make.

One of you can hide the coins for the other to find.

Place the coins around the room so that you can still see them.

Call out one of the letter sounds written on a coin.

Can your child find the correct letter on it?

Maybe you could make words by putting the coins together.



## Read a book

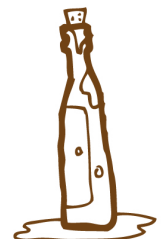
Do you have any Pirate books you could read with your child? Here's a few suggestions:

- Pirates Love Underpants by Claire Freedman
- How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
- The Pirate Cruncher by John Duddle
- Captain Pike looks after the Baby by Marjorie Newman.



## Message in a bottle

Pretend that you are marooned on a treasure island. Can you write a message to put in a bottle to let someone know where you are and that you need rescuing! Who will come to get you?



## Did you know...

... Pirates didn't really make people walk the plank!