

Talk Like a Pirate



Word List

Ahoy: hello

Example: "Ahoy there matey! Come aboard me ship!"

Avast: "What are you up to?"

Example: "Avast, me hearty?"

Bilge rat: a criminal

Example: "That ship be full of bilge rats!"

Booty: treasure

Example: "The booty be buried on Treasure Island!"

Doubloon: Spanish gold coin

Example: "I be saving me doubloons for a new ship!"

Grog: a pirate's favorite drink

Example: "Tis' lovely grog that quenches me thirst!"

Heave to: an order to stop

Example: "Heave to me hearties so we can come

aboard!"

Jolly Roger: skull & crossbones flag

Example: "Their Jolly Roger is flying high, warning

others to steer clear!"

Keel haul: severe punishment

Example: Arrr! We'll keel haul ye if ye steals our

treasure!"

Land lubbers: non-seafaring folk

Example: "Those land lubbers would be useless trying Example: "Yo ho ho! What a funny joke!"

to sail the Seven Seas!"

Matey: friend

Example: "Ahoy there matey!"

Me hearty: my friend

Example: "Me hearty, help me search for treasure!"

Piece of eight: Spanish silver coin

Example: "The pay for the job be 25 pieces of eight!"

Scallywag: bad person

Example: "He be a mean, rotten scallywag!"

Scuttlebutt: news or gossip

Example: "I be new in town. What be the scuttlebutt?"

Sea dog: very experienced sailor

Example: "We need good sea dogs for our crew."

Sea legs: staying balanced on a boat

Example: "Me sea legs kept me from tipping over into

the brink (sea)!"

Sea rover: pirate ship

Example: "Look! On the horizon there be a dozen sea

rovers heading our way!"

Shiver me timbers!: expression of

great shock or surprise

Yo ho ho!: pirate laughter

