



# Pirate Training Mission: Captain's Orders

Ahoy, young matey! Welcome aboard the mighty ship Sea Serpent. Ye be training to become a true pirate, but first, ye must prove yer skills. Follow these orders carefully—only the sharpest sailors make it to treasure island.

Start by writing your full pirate name (your first name + "the Bold") in big letters at the top of your page. Every pirate needs a fearsome name.

Before we set sail, check the deck. Look around the room. If at least three shipmates are paying attention, give a big thumbs-up. Then look your teacher in the eyes and say, "Aye, aye, Captain!" If fewer than three are focused, tap your nose twice—pirates must always be aware of their crew. Then tap the person next to you and say "stay sharp, mate."

Stand up and balance on one foot for five seconds. If ye don't fall overboard, write "Steady at sea!" in the bottom left corner of your paper. If ye wobble, write "Stormy waters ahead!" instead.

Now, take out yer pencil and draw a pirate flag on the back of your paper. Be sure to include at least one skull or crossbones—every pirate ship needs a proper flag.

Next, Count the number of vowels in yer last name and write that number in the bottom right corner. A good pirate never miscounts their gold coins. If yer first name has an even number of letters, draw a tiny treasure chest next to yer flag. If it has an odd number, add a small fish instead. True pirates follow orders exactly.

Next, look at your shoes. If they have a brand name, write it in the top left corner of your page. If not, write 'mystery boots' instead!

Now, raise both arms in the air and stretch for 10 seconds. This simulates hoisting the sails! Strong arms make for a strong pirate crew.

Turn to the nearest matey, give 'em a pirate wink, and whisper, "Shiver me timbers!" If they look at you funny, just grin and carry on. A pirate's got to have a sense of humor.

For your final task, write a short paragraph about why ye want to be a pirate. To prove your creativity, include the word "lion" somewhere in your writing. Then, circle the word "lion."

Once yer mission is complete, raise yer hand and say, "The treasure is found!" Your teacher will then collect yer paper.

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