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- 54 ripped the sails. The rigger has spent all afternoon
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- 82 quartermaster told me today that our supplies are
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Answers



1. What do you think might happen to the pirates next?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the information in the text, e.g. I think that the weather might still be bad and the pirates might start to become seasick.



2. How is Captain Longworth feeling about being on the pirate ship? Give a reason.

Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. Pirate Longworth is feeling downhearted because the weather has been bad and the food is running out.



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the pirate flag



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Female Pirates

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1.	What was the name of the pirate hunter who captured the ship that Anne and Mary were on?
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3.	Find and copy two adverbs to describe how Anne and Mary fought.
4.	Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order
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 e.g. Anne and Mary dressed as men so that they
 could become pirates as they knew that women were not allowed.



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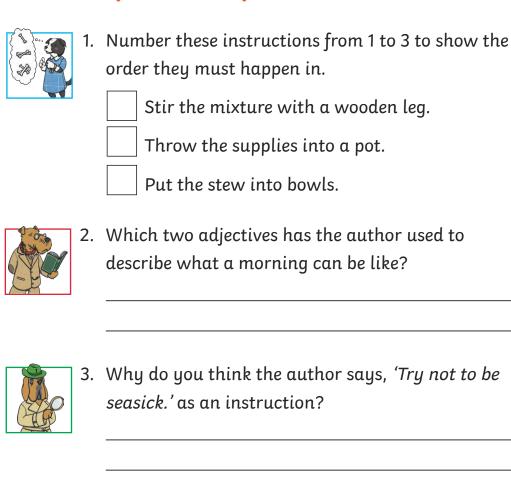
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How to Make a Pirate Stew

- 10 On a misty, stormy morning, there is nothing better to
- 20 warm your bones than a hearty bowl of pirate stew.
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- 29 Fifteen shells from slimy sea snails
- 35 A big glug of salty seawater
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- 64 What to do:
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- 84 2) Place the pot onto a raging fire and leave it to
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- with a wooden leg to get rid of any lumps.
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- 1. Number these instructions from 1 to 3 to show the order they must happen in.
 - 2 Stir the mixture with a wooden leg.
 - 1 Throw the supplies into a pot.
 - ³ Put the stew into bowls.



Which two adjectives has the author used to describe what a morning can be like?misty and stormy



- 3. Why do you think the author says, 'Try not to be seasick.' as an instruction?
 - Accept any sensible justification linked to the fact that the stew is disgusting, e.g. because the pirate stew is horrible and anyone who eats it might feel sick.



- 4. How many shells from sea snails do you need for the recipe?
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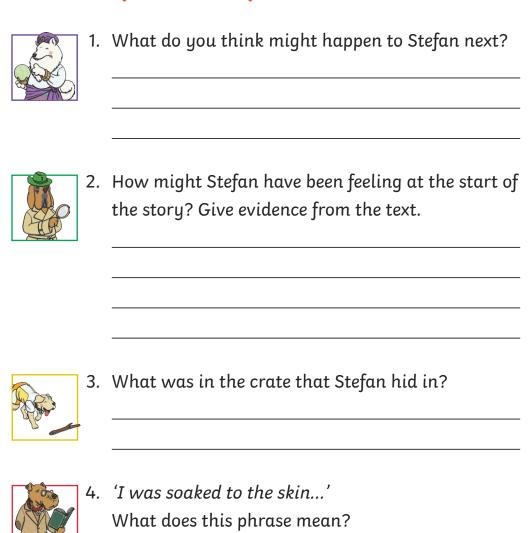


Stowaway Stefan

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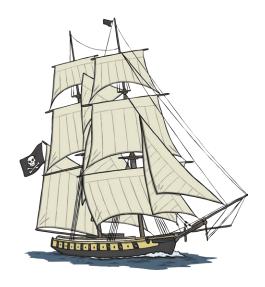
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Answers



What do you think might happen to Stefan next?
 Accept any sensible answer linked to the text,
 e.g. I think that Stefan will have to work
 onboard the pirate ship.



 How might Stefan have been feeling at the start of the story? Give evidence from the text.
 Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. Stefan would have been unhappy and cold because it says he was starting to shiver.



3. What was in the crate that Stefan hid in?
potatoes and straw



4. 'I was soaked to the skin...'
What does this phrase mean?
Accept any answer relating to the meaning of the sentence being that Stefan was wet through and his clothes were saturated.

