

# Pirate Story Starter

## Amazing Fact

It has been suggested that pirates wore eyepatches to keep one eye adjusted to low light conditions and make it easier to perform tasks when moving from the daylight on the deck of a boat to the darkness and gloom below.

## Challenge

Pirates have long been used in stories of adventure and mystery on the high seas.

Read the story starter carefully and continue with your own setting, characters and plot.

The calm crystal-clear sea was disturbed by nothing other than the advancing bow of The Dragon's Plunder, waves following in its wake. The one remaining eye of Steel-foot Jack scanned the seas, looking for any sign of land from high in the crow's nest. There was none and had been none for many weeks, nothing but - a ripple in the ocean? A dark shape moved silently underneath the old ship. "KRAKEN", yelled Steel-foot down to the crew. Terror took over the ship...

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You could also try to find out:

- if this pirate trick works! Set up a task or activity sheet in a dimly-lit room and enter it from a brightly-lit room, removing your eyepatch as you enter. Then retry the task without wearing a patch;
- what others who have tested it thought;
- which other stories about pirates are believed to be myths.