



Activity Sheet

Let's pretend pirates



This is story time with a difference! Read this short story about a pirate aloud while your pupils act it out.

Once upon a time there was a pirate.

He had a pet parrot that sat on his shoulder.

The pirate would feed his parrot crackers. The parrot loved crunching them.

The parrot was a bit messy and always left crumbs on the pirate's shoulders which he had to brush off.

The pirate was such a scallywag, but he loved his friends and always politely shook hands with everyone he met.

One day the pirate found an old map! The map had a big 'X' in the middle of it.

The pirate just knew the 'X' meant there was secret treasure buried there.

The pirate and his parrot jumped aboard his ship and set sail for the distant island indicated on the map.

The ship went up and down on the rocky seas. Up and down. Up and down.

A storm came and the pirate had to take cover from the rain.

The sun came out and the pirate pegged his clothes up to dry.

Suddenly, the parrot squawked out a warning!

The pirate looked up, squinted his eyes, but as hard as he tried, he couldn't see anything except blue sea and sky.

He reached for his spyglass, extended it as long as it would go, and put it up to his eye.

He still couldn't see anything!

So he climbed the rigging to get as high as he could. Finally he could see what the parrot was squawking about.

He could see the island!

"Land-Ho!" he cried.

He quickly climbed back down the rigging and then jumped up and down in excitement - it wouldn't be long before he'd finally reach the place where the treasure was.

The pirate then went about packing everything he'd need once he was on the beach. He'd need a spade, a bucket, some lunch, a hat.

Finally, he was ready to get into his row boat and go ashore.

He rowed and rowed and rowed. Then a big wave picked up the boat and he landed on the sand with a thump.

The pirate pulled the map out from his pocket and studied it.

He walked two paces forwards and two paces backwards.

Eureka! He found it!

But the 'X' that marked the spot, was just a sign that said 'X'! There wasn't any treasure after all.

The pirate and the parrot laughed and laughed at the silly mistake.

And then they sat on the sand, had their lunch and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of making sandcastles.

The end.

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