

# The Distant Ship

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Finally, everything was fixed and the Greedy Minnow was back on course.

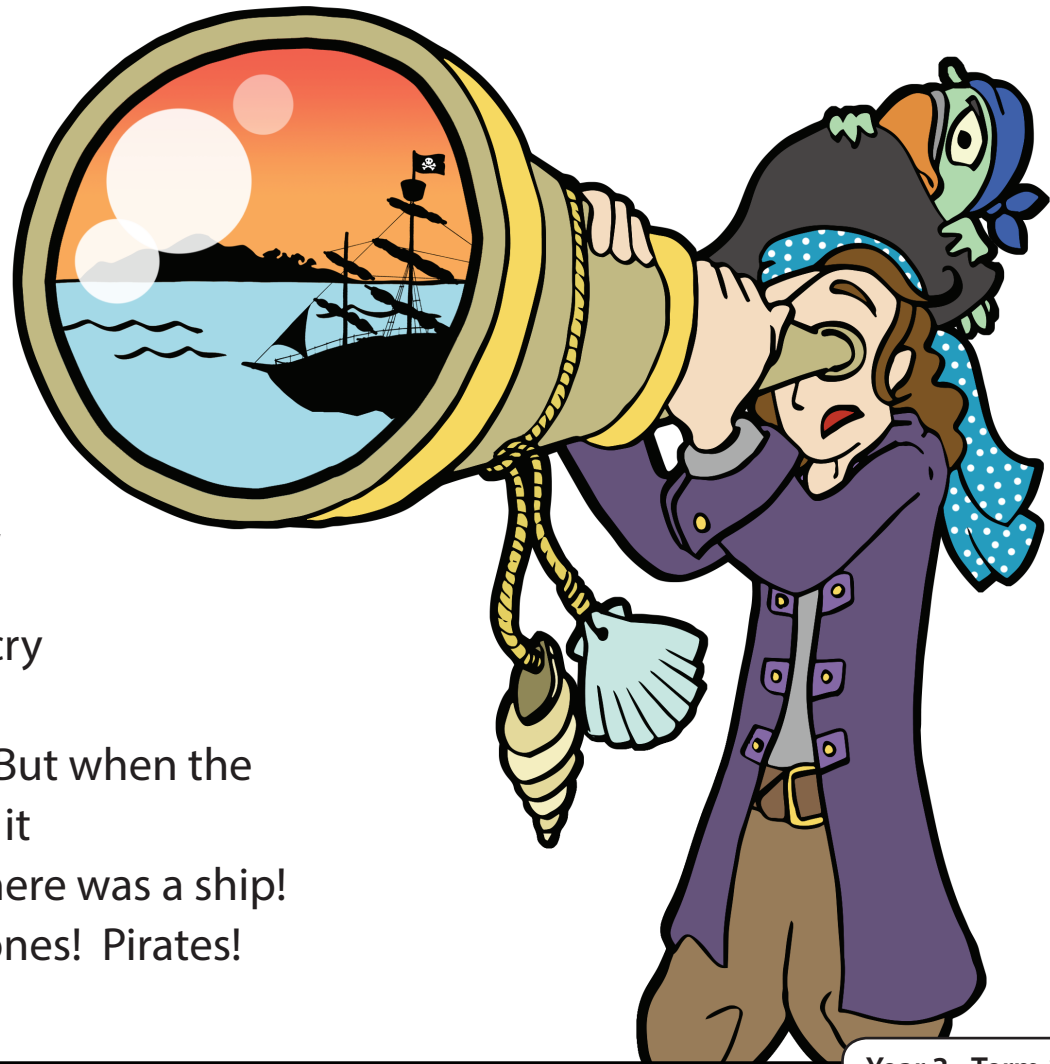
"You'll be pleased to know I've caught all the hens," Egg told the captain.

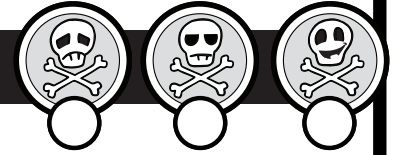
"I hope they weren't too badly shaken by the storm," said Captain Starling.

"You'd have to eat scrambled eggs for breakfast if they were!" laughed Egg.

They had now been at sea for six days, but there was no sign of the island. Then on the seventh day there was a cry from the crow's nest.

"Land ahoy!" shouted Stragglebeard. But when the captain looked through the telescope it wasn't just the island that she saw. There was a ship! And it was flying the skull and crossbones! Pirates!





Complete these sentences filling in the missing words from the verbs in the brackets:

- 1 The pirate ship was ..... towards the island.  
(driving/sailing)
- 2 Captain Starling ..... through her telescope for a long time.  
(looked/watched)
- 3 She could see the pirates ..... a boat into the bay.  
(rowing/pushing)
- 4 Then they ..... out of the boat and ..... along the beach.  
(fished/climbed) (walked/jumped)
- 5 She could ..... the pirates clearly now.  
(tell/see)
- 6 Their captain was ..... a black hat and a black doublet with gold braid.  
(wearing/washing)
- 7 She ..... him at once.  
(guessed/recognised)

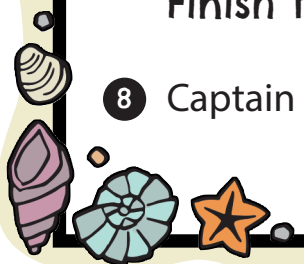
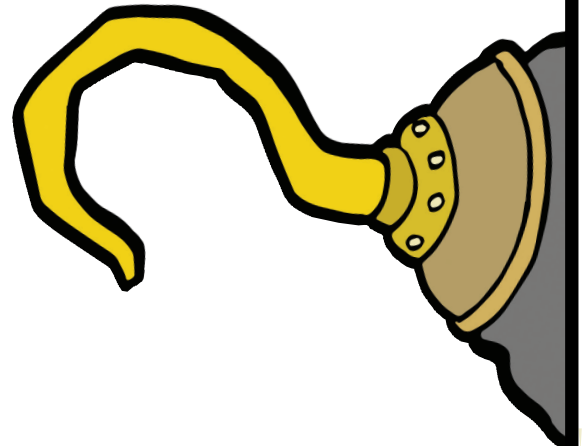
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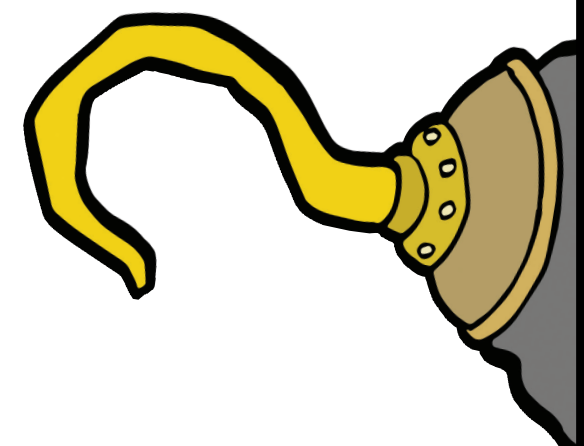




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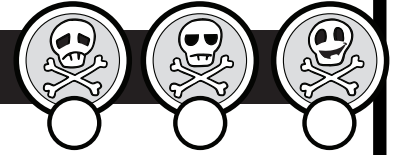
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(You won't need all of them.)

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guessing    recognised    rowing    jumping    looked    driving    tell

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