

Monkey Mayhem

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Captain Starling **stopped** to check that they were going in the right direction. She **looked at** her map. "It looks like we're going the right way," she said. All of a sudden there was a loud whooping noise as a group of excitable monkeys **jumped down** from the trees and **landed** on the unfortunate pirates below. There was a terrible commotion.

The monkeys were **yelling**, the pirates were **shouting**. The monkeys were trying to **take** the pirates' hats and swords.

"I **think** they're after my map," cried Captain Starling and she **held** it tightly. Finally, the monkeys **went**, but not before **taking** the pirates' hats and **ripping** the corner of the map.

"Oh, no!" said Captain Starling with her hand to her neck.

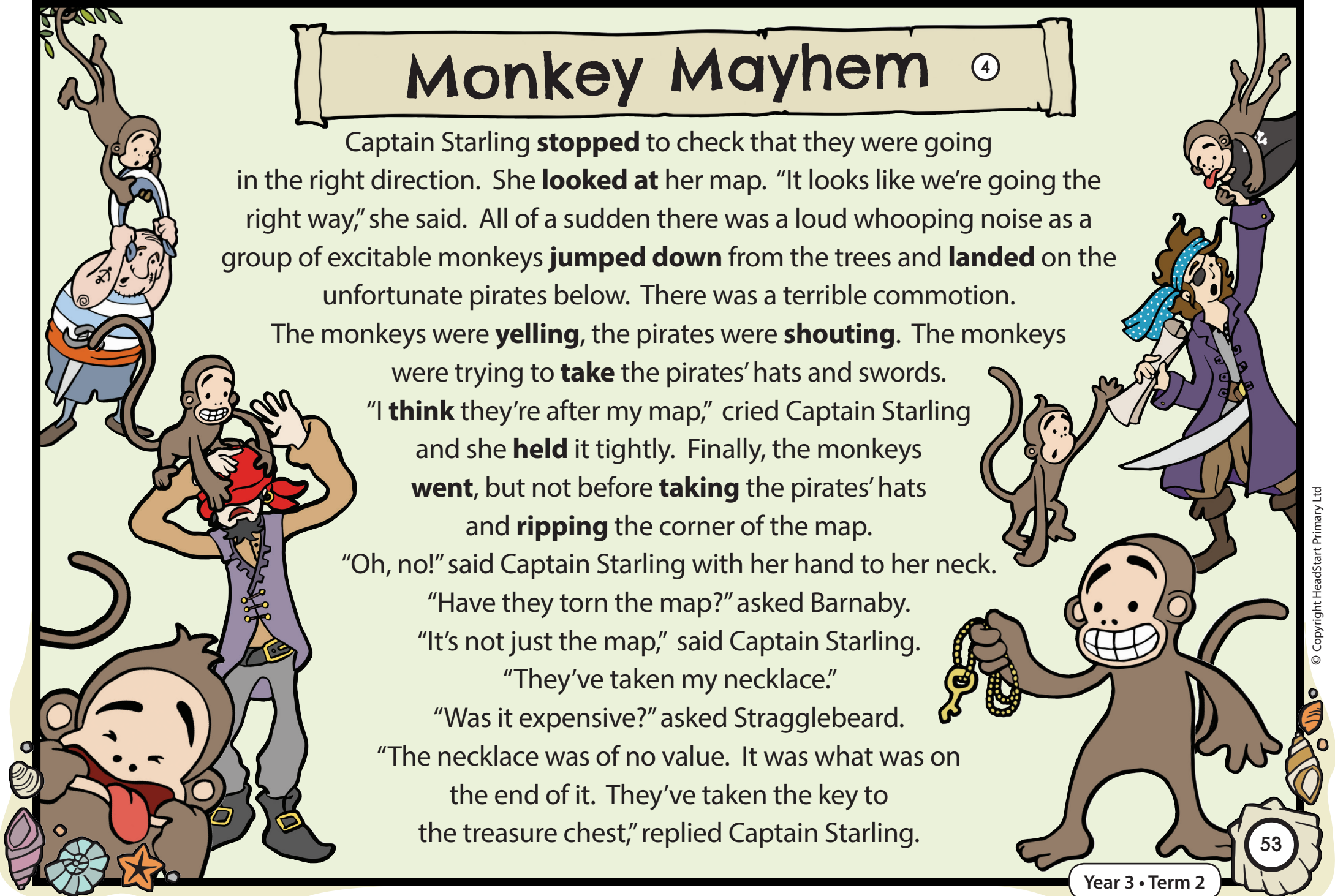
"Have they torn the map?" asked Barnaby.

"It's not just the map," said Captain Starling.

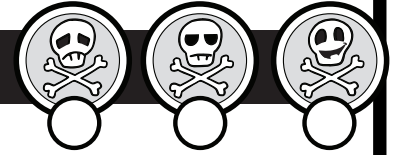
"They've taken my necklace."

"Was it expensive?" asked Stragglebeard.

"The necklace was of no value. It was what was on the end of it. They've taken the key to the treasure chest," replied Captain Starling.



I can use different verbs to improve sentences.



Replace the verbs in bold with the ones suggested in the brackets.

1 Captain Starling **stopped** to **look at** the map. (*paused, study*)

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2 Monkeys **jumped** from the trees, **yelling** as they landed on the pirates. (*leapt, shrieking*)

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3 Captain Starling **held** the map tightly until the monkeys finally **went**. (*grasped, left*)

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4 They **ripped** the map and they **took** the key to the chest. (*tore, grabbed*)

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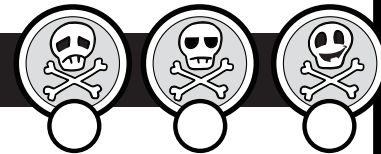
5 "I **think** they are after the treasure!" she **cried**. (*believe, yelled*)

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Extension

Now using a thesaurus, see if you can change the words in bold in the passage for some different verbs to the ones used above.

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Rewrite the passage replacing the verbs in bold with the ones from the pieces of wood.

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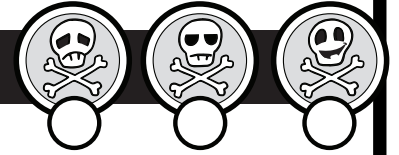
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Most of the verbs in bold can be replaced by an alternative. Rewrite the story replacing as many of the verbs as you can with your own more interesting ones. (You may want to use a thesaurus.)

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