

# Holes! <sup>7</sup>

Captain Starling peered through the leaves to see a beach covered in holes and mounds which the Black Pirates had made as they searched for the buried treasure. She had to smile. There must have been a hundred holes across the beach, but the treasure chest had not been found. From her hiding place she could hear the Black Pirates complaining about all the digging they had done.

"I've been a pirate for thirty years," complained one as he stopped to rest, "and I have never dug so many holes!"

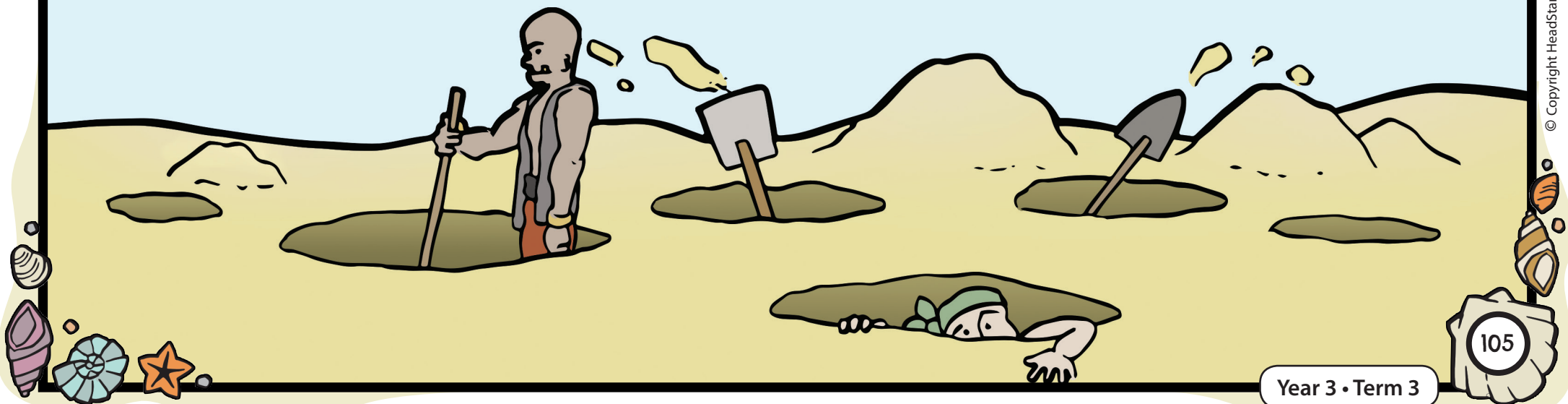
"I've got blisters on my thumbs from all this digging!" grumbled another.

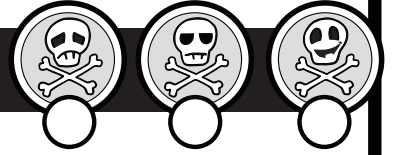
"And I've hurt my back!" groaned a third leaning on his shovel.

"And I have never heard so much moaning," shouted the pirate who was obviously Blackheart.

"Hold your tongues, you whining pack of mutinous rogues and get back to yer digging!"

The Black Pirates reluctantly returned to their work, but they continued to grumble.





Write the correct form of the present perfect verb.

- 1 "I ..... been hungry for hours!" (*have/ has*)
- 2 "I ..... eaten for days!" (*hasn't/ haven't*)
- 3 "..... you got a sore arm?" (*Has/ Have*)
- 4 "We ..... all got sore arms!" (*have/ has*)
- 5 "Those monkeys ..... stolen our hats!" (*have/ has*)
- 6 "That monkey ..... taken my cutlass!" (*have/has*)
- 7 "I ..... dug twenty holes!" (*has/ have*)
- 8 "He ..... dug as many as me!" (*haven't/ hasn't*)



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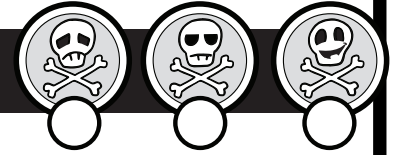
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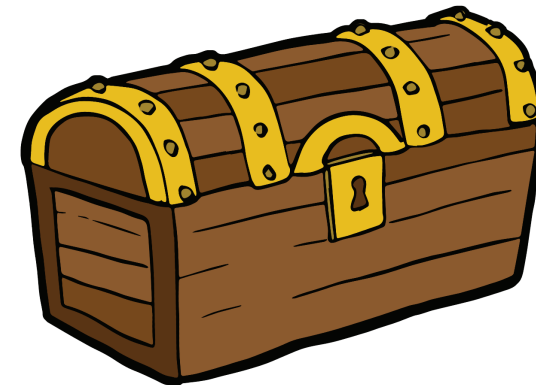
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- 2 "I ..... my stomach rumbling!" (*hear*)
- 3 "..... you ..... a sore arm?" (*get*)
- 4 "We ..... our arms with all this digging!" (*hurt*)
- 5 "Those monkeys ..... our hats!" (*steal*)
- 6 "That monkey ..... my cutlass!" (*take*)
- 7 "You ..... only ten holes!" (*dig*)
- 8 "He ..... much harder than you!" (*work*)

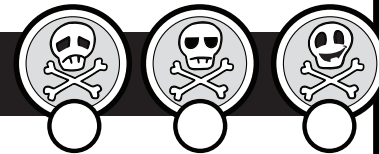


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Write the present perfect form of the verbs from the pieces of wood to complete the sentences.



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- 2 "We ..... our arms with all this digging! .....you..... a sore arm?"
- 3 "Those monkeys ..... our hats and that monkey ..... my cutlass!"
- 4 "You ..... only ten holes! He ..... much harder than you!"
- 5 "None of you ..... hard enough until we have ..... that treasure!"



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