

TALK LIKE A PIRATE!

STARTING RULES

Double all your adjectives. Pirates never speak of "a big ship", they call it a "great, grand ship!"

Drop the 'g' from the end of your words.

You will get words like "rowin", "sailin" and "fightin".

Drop the 'v' from your words.

You will get words like "ne'er", "e'er" and "o'er".

Never speak in anything but the present tense!

Instead of saying "I am", sailors say, "I be".

Instead of saying "You are", sailors say, "You be".

Instead of saying, "They are", sailors say, "They be".

PIRATE WORDS

Ahoy: "Hello!"

Avast: "Stop!" "Check it out" or "No way!"

Aye!: "Yes I agree most heartily"

Aye aye!: "I'll get right on that sir"

Aargh!: Pirate exclamation done with a growl

Beauty: A lovely woman

Booty: Treasure

Buccaneer: A pirate who answers to no man or government

Cutlass: Popular sword among pirates

Davy Jones' Locker: The bottom of the sea

Doubloon: A gold coin

Furner: Your own ship, not one you steal and plunder

Gentlemen o' fortune: A slightly more positive term for pirates

Grog: An alcoholic drink, usually rum diluted with water

Hornpipe: Both a musical instrument and a spirited dance

Jolly Roger: The pirate flag

Landlubber: "Land-lover," someone not used to sea life

Lass: A woman

Me: My

Me hearty: A friend or shipmate

Matey: Friend or comrade

Pieces of eight: Silver coins that can be broken into eight pieces

Plunder: Treasure taken from others

Privateer: A pirate officially sanctioned by a national power

Sea dog: An experienced or old sailor

Sea rover: Someone who robs from the sea

Seven Seas: Refers to all the seas and oceans of the world

Scallywag: A bad person or a scoundrel

Scurvy dog!: Term used for insubordinates

Shiver me timbers!: An exclamation of surprise shouted loudly

Smartly: Do something quickly

Sprogs: Raw, untrained recruits

Swaggy: A ship you are intending to loot

Swashbucklin': Fighting and carousing on the high seas!

Sweet trade: The career of piracy

Walk the plank: This one is obvious

Wastrel: A useless man

Weigh anchor: Prepare to leave

Wench: Crude term for a lady

Yo-ho-ho: Pirate laughter