The Mystery of the Missing Treasure

Captain Redbeard and his crew had been sailing for six long months when they finally arrived at Treasure Island. The crew sailed the ships into Smugglers' Bay and hopped off onto the sand. Captain Redbeard unrolled his map and they headed towards the buried treasure.

After four days of walking, the crew finally started to dig at where X had marked the spot. However, when they opened the creaky treasure chest, all of the treasure was gone! Someone must have sneaked off one of the ships during the night and stolen the treasure for themselves!

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out who has taken the treasure. You have taken down the names and descriptions of 20 crew members who were on Redbeard's ships. There are also five important clues that have been discovered.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to solve the mystery and find the greedy pirate before Redbeard does?







Pirate Descriptions

Name	Male or Female?	Ship	Job	Do They Have an Eyepatch?	Do They Have a Parrot?
Birch Stone	male	Evil Delight	gunner	yes	no
Danna England	female	Golden Doubloon	powder monkey	yes	yes
Edrea Harding	female	Horrid Princess	boatswain	no	yes
Elnora Arch	female	Golden Doubloon	gunner	no	no
Garman Sherwood	male	Evil Delight	powder monkey	no	no
Holden Winmore	male	Horrid Princess	carpenter	yes	yes
Jannie Abram	female	Evil Delight	gunner	yes	no
Lassie Lincoln	female	Golden Doubloon	powder monkey	no	no
Lella Shelley	female	Evil Delight	boatswain	no	no
Lockwood Swales	male	Horrid Princess	carpenter	no	yes
Mossie Camden	female	Golden Doubloon	boatswain	yes	no
Myra Oxworth	female	Golden Doubloon	powder monkey	yes	yes
Norman Smithy	male	Horrid Princess	carpenter	no	no
Rayburn Vile	male	Evil Delight	powder monkey	no	no
Rodman Wolf	male	Horrid Princess	boatswain	no	yes
Rudd Law	male	Golden Doubloon	gunner	yes	no
Shandy Smit	male	Horrid Princess	powder monkey	no	no
Stanley Clark	male	Horrid Princess	carpenter	no	no
Trudy Bartholomew	female	Golden Doubloon	powder monkey	yes	yes
Una Dayton	female	Evil Delight	gunner	yes	no

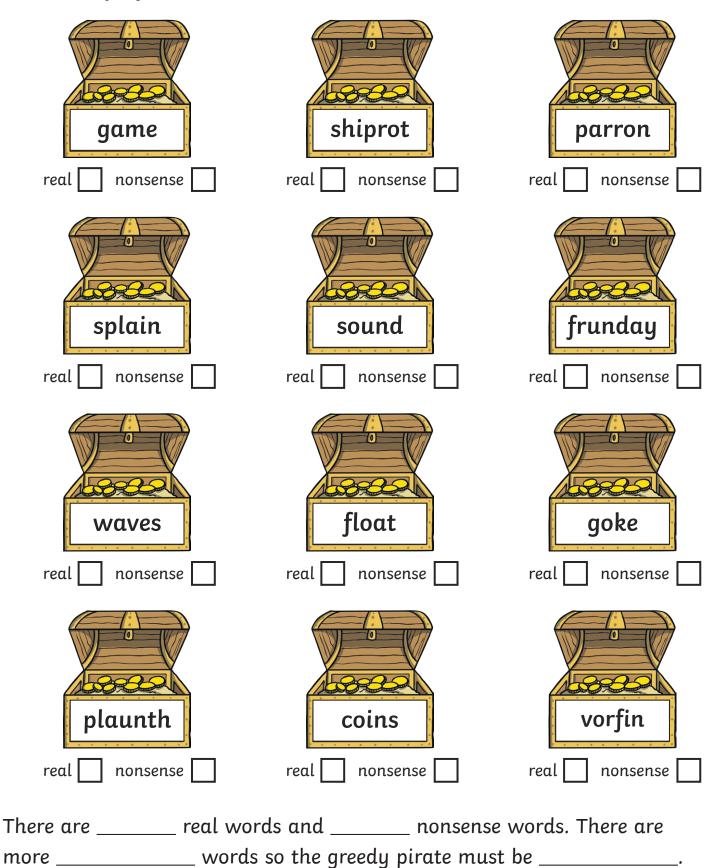
The greedy pirate who stole the treasure must be _____





Clue 1 Lads and Lassies

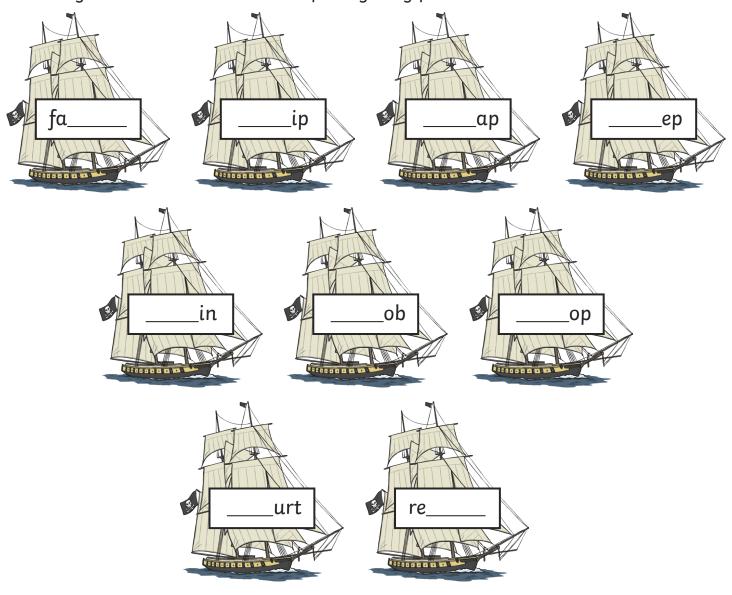
Read each of these words and tick whether the word is real or nonsense. If there are more **real** words, the treasure thief is **male**. If there are more **nonsense** words, the treasure thief is **female**.





Clue 2 All Aboard!

Each of these words has two letters missing. Add the missing letters and write the word in the correct box, making sure to spell it correctly. The two letters with the most matching words will show which ship the greedy pirate works on.



sp

If **sp** has the most matching words, the pirate works on the **Evil Delight**.

st

If **st** has the most matching words, the pirate works on the **Golden Doubloon**.

sn

If **sn** has the most matching words, the pirate works on the **Horrid Princess**.

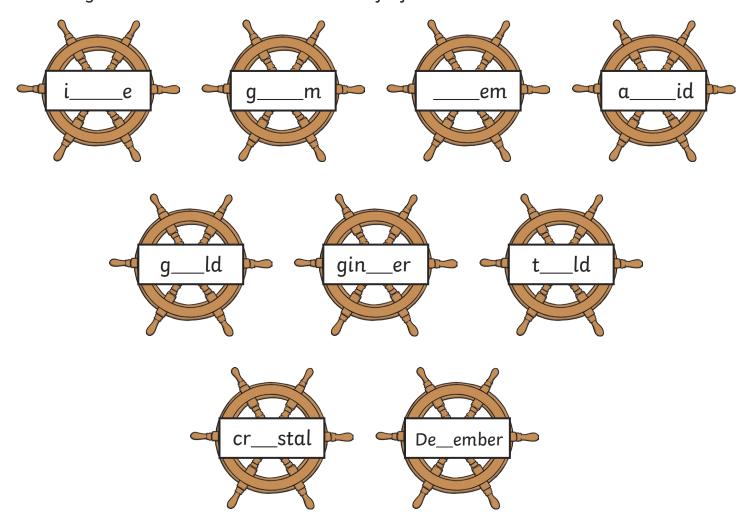
The letters	_ are used the most.	
Which ship does the g	reedy pirate work on?	
Evil Delight	Golden Doubloon	Horrid Princess

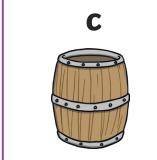




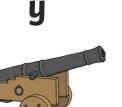
Clue 3 Scrub the Deck

Draw a line to match the word to the correct grapheme. They all make an alternative sound. Make sure that you spell the words correctly. The grapheme with the most matching words will show the treasure thief's job.





If **c** is needed most, the culprit is a **powder monkey**.



If **y** is needed most, the culprit is a **gunner**.



If **o** is needed most, the culprit is a **boatswain**.



If **g** is needed most, the culprit is a **carpenter**.

The grapheme with the most matching words is _____ so the greedy pirate must be a _____.



Clue 4 Eye, Eye!

Read the sentences below. Decide which suffix is needed to correctly complete the words. The suffix used the most often will show whether or not the treasure thief wears an eyepatch.

Sentence	-ed	-en
I bet Captain Redbeard wants to flatt the greedy pirate!		
I'm sure another pirate will help to light their load.		
I'm shocked that someone has help themselves!		
I saw Captain Redbeard's lip stiff when he heard the news.		
Who stay up later than everyone else last night?		
I wonder if the culprit wait until it had gone dark.		
I bet the Captain will sharp his sword!		
Who want the treasure all to themselves?		
Why did the Captain slack his control of his crew?		
I bet the treasure is hidd in plain sight.		
They've watch the investigation this whole time!		
The police will need to wid their investigation.		

-ed

-en

If **-ed** is used most, the culprit **does** have an eyepatch.

If **-en** is used most, the culprit **does not** have an eyepatch.

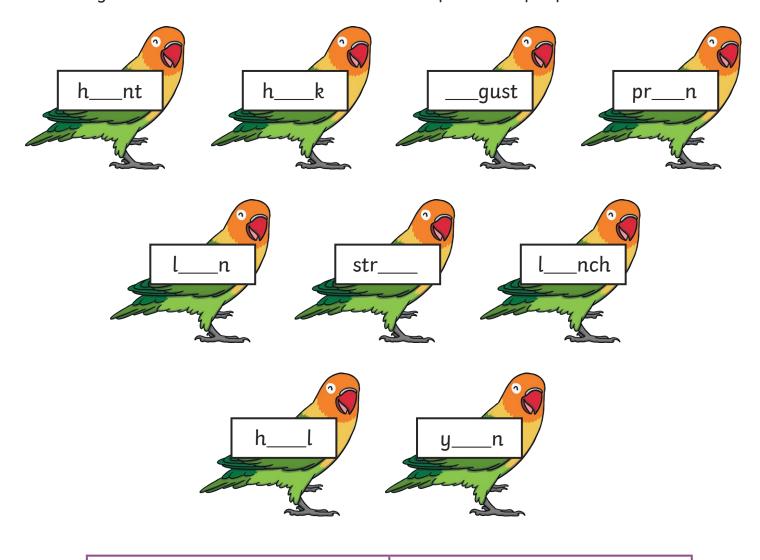
The suffix	is used the most. Does the greedy	
pirate have an eyepatch?		
Yes No		





Clue 5 Polly Wants a Cracker

Draw a line to match the word to the correct vowel digraph, then write the word in the box. Make sure that you spell the words correctly. The vowel digraph with the most matching words will show whether or not the culprit has a pet parrot.





If **au** has the most matching words, the culprit **has** a parrot.

aw



If **aw** has the most matching words, the culprit **does not have** a parrot.

The vowel digraph with the most matching words is _____ so the greedy pirate ____ a parrot.



