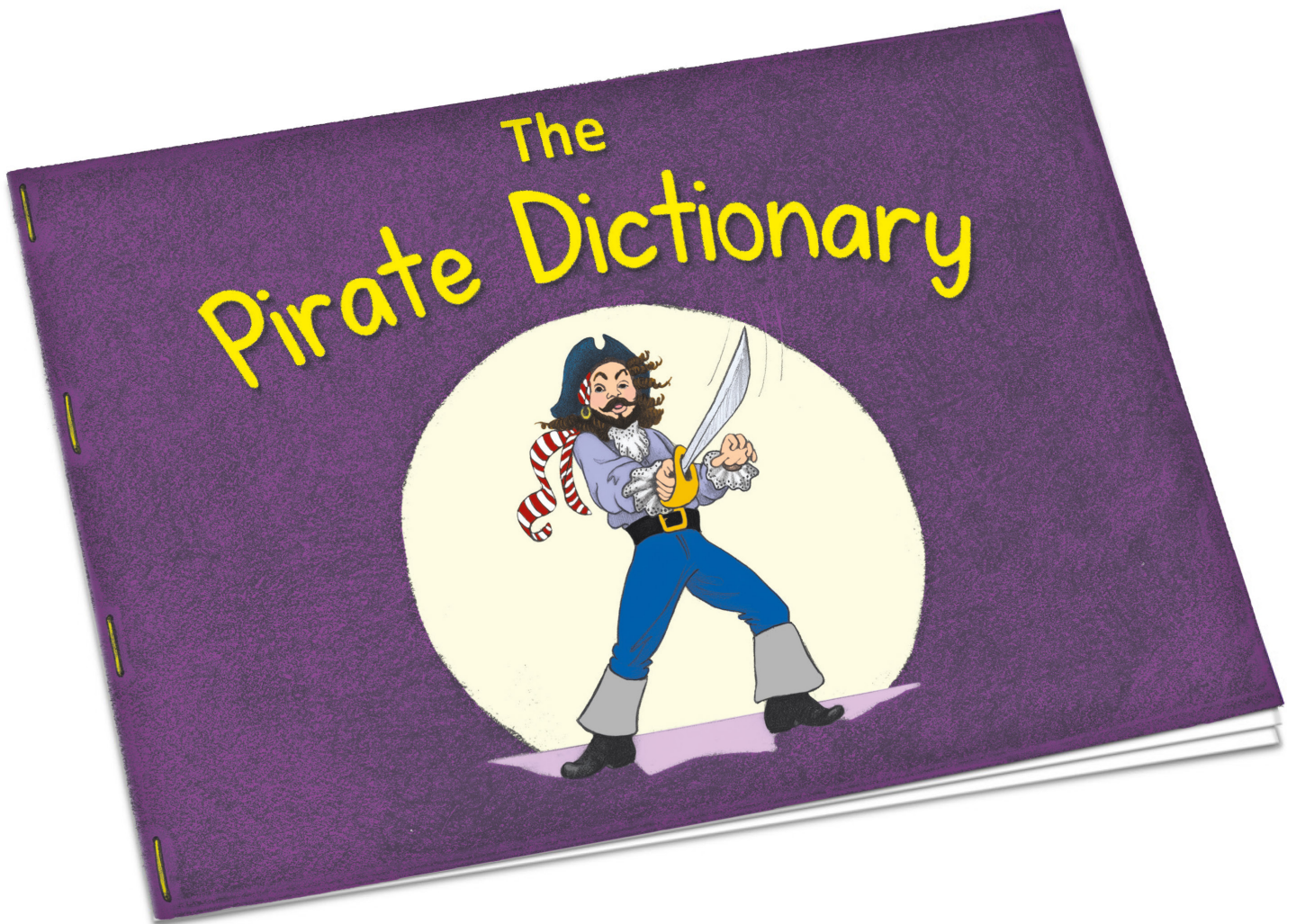


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In movies and books, pirates have their very own dialect. In this activity, you'll learn some words from pirate dialect and practice using a dictionary.

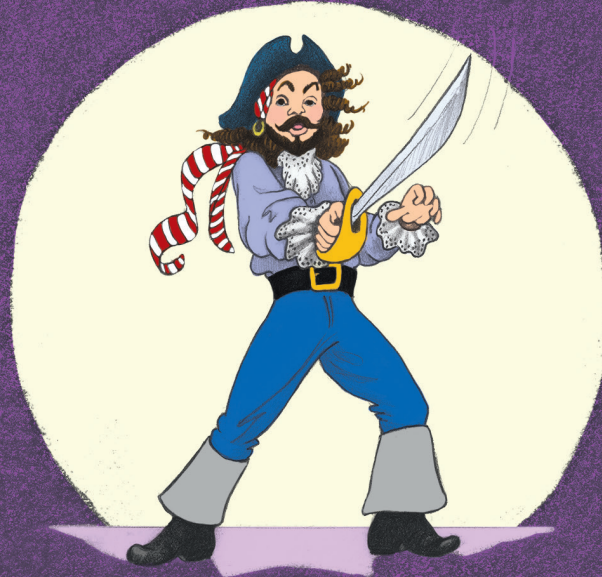
## Instructions

1. Print pages 3-4 of this activity
2. Cut apart the pages of the pirate dictionary, staple them together where indicated, and read the words with your student. Don't hesitate to tell your student how to pronounce unfamiliar words.
3. Give the completed dictionary to your student and ask the questions below. The student should refer to the dictionary for answers. For each question, have your student read the word and the definition.

## Questions

1. What is a *landlubber*?
2. What word comes before *scurvy* in the dictionary?
3. What two pirate punishments are defined on the last page of the
4. dictionary?
5. *Guide words* appear at the top of every dictionary page. They tell you what the first and last words are on the page. What are the guide words on the second page of the dictionary? What do they mean?
6. Look at the first page of the dictionary and find three things you might have for lunch if you were a pirate.
7. Would you rather be a *swashbuckler* or a *rascalion*? Look up the words to find out!

# The Pirate Dictionary



**Arr!**

**hardtack**

**Arr!** *an exclamation*

**eyepatch** *a covering for the eye*

**bilge rats** *the rats that live in the lowest part of a ship; used as an insult*

**blight** *a flaw; used as an insult*

**blimey** *an exclamation of surprise*

**booty** *treasure*

**briny deep** *salty sea*

**burgoo** *a spicy stew*

**cackle-fruit** *hens' eggs*



**goblet**

**fortnight** *two weeks*

**goblet** *a large drinking cup*

**hardtack** *hard biscuit*

**hearties**

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**hearties** *friends, mates*

**lad** *boy*

**landlubber** *a person who doesn't know anything about the sea*

**lass** *girl*

**matey** *a friend, a way to greet someone*

**me** *my*

**peg leg** *a wooden leg*

**rapscallion** *a person who likes to get into mischief*

**scurvy**

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**peg leg**

**sallywag** *a person who likes to get into mischief*

**scurvy** *a common disease on ships; used as an insult, as in "You scurvy dog!"*

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**sea shanty**

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**sea shanty** *a song that sailors sing about the sea*

**shake a leg** *an expression that means "Hurry up!"*

**shiver me timbers** *an expression of surprise or strong emotion*

**swab the decks** *to mop the floors of the ship*

**swashbuckler** *a daring adventurer*

**the drink** *another name for the sea*

**ye**

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**walk the plank** *a punishment in which a person is walks off a board and into the sea*

**ye** *you*



**swab the decks**

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