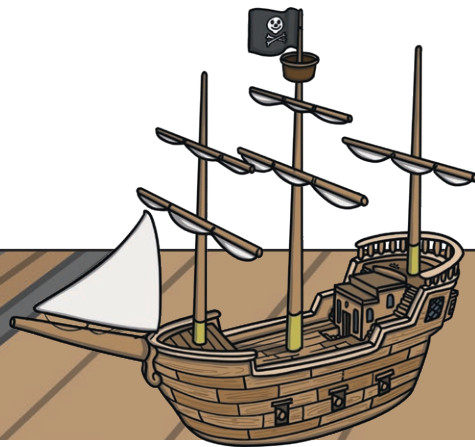


A Pirate's Life For Me

4 Thursday 6th June 1708

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115 See you tomorrow,
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Questions



1. What do you think might happen to the pirates next?



2. How is Captain Longworth feeling about being on the pirate ship? Explain your answer.



3. What was torn down?



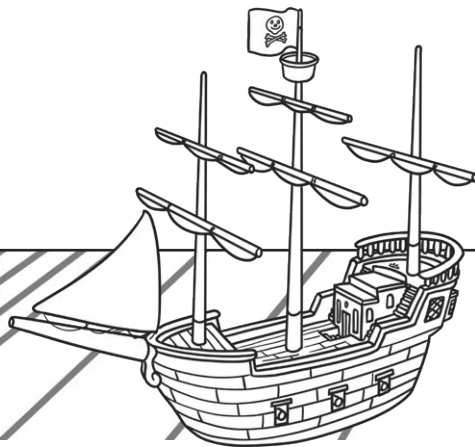
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Answers



1. What do you think might happen to the pirates next?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the weather might still be bad and the pirates might start to become seasick.



2. How is Captain Longworth feeling about being on the pirate ship? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Captain Longworth is feeling downhearted because the weather has been bad and the food is running out.



3. What was torn down?
The pirate flag was torn down.



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