

Pirate Talk



Ahoy Matey! So, Ye want t' talk like a pirate aye... well then... first, learn some o' the more popular words an' phrases below an' ye'll be on yer way to talkin' like a pirate before yer next sunset... Savvy? Great... now get yer swagger on an' share some o' yer favorite piratical ramblin's with yer mates!

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Ahoy! - An energetic greeting to yer fellow mate... like hello.

All hands on deck! - An urgent request for help to all members of a ship's crew to muster at once on the

Aloft - A reference to climbin' to or being among the sails above or upper rigging overhead on yer ship.

Articles - An agreement of behavior between th' Captain an' his crew.

Avast Ye! - A stern request to halt yer activity and listen up.

Aye! - Yes or I agree...

Aye Aye! - Yes, Captain... I'll take care of it...ye can count on me.

Arrr! (an' variations) - Arrr or similar (interjection to show excitement or pause) - Yarrr (agreement on yer mates comments) - Harrr (expresses amusement or laughter)

Bilge Rat! - A scoundrel... an' a general insult lashed upon a shipmate.

Black Spot - A mark givin' to a pirate of an impending doom... the mark of cursed soul!

Booty - A pirates treasure... make sure ye get yer share while playin' a game o' Crossbones matey!

Broadside - A discharge of all cannons... attackin' the main (broad) part of an enemy ship.

Cap'n - A reference to a superior officer... Captain o' the ship.

Davy Jones' Locker - A final restin' place at the bottom o' the sea for drowned pirates.

Dead men tell no tales! - A pirate sayin' to ensure no prisoners are taken durin' battle...an' no one left to reveal any secrets or details o' the event.

Doldrums - A long period o' time when the wind has died... leavin' a ship adrift an' unable to sail.

Feed the fishes - The dearly or not so dearly departed... thrown overboard.

Fire in the hole! - An exclamation warning yer shipmates before a cannon is fired.

Go on Account - An expression to indicate tha' ye have turned pirate.

Grog - A pirates typical rum drink... containing a mixture of water, rum, & lime juice... yum!

Hornswaggle - To cheat yer mates!

Jack Tar - A familar reference to a common sailor.

Jolly Roger - The infamous black flag with white skull and crossbones... an invitation to surrender.

Keelhauling - Draggin' a shipmate under the keel of a ship as punishment or torture... one way to clean the barnacles off yer ship matey!

Keep a weather eye open matey! - A pirate reminder to remain vigilant and alert... to keep watch.

Lad - A piratical way to address a younger male.

Land Ho! - An exclamation by a shipmate who first spots land while at sea.

dlubber - Anyone tis awkward or unfamiliar with life aboard a ship... a clumsy sailor...a land lover.

Lass - A piratical way to address a younger female... or ye might try lassie.

Maroon - To abandon a shipmate ashore with little hope of rescue or escape... a cruel punishment.

Matey or Me hearty - A piratical reference towards a shipmate or a friend.

Me - A piratical way of sayin' "my".









Mutiny - An act by shipmates to rally against the authority (usually the Captain) of a ship.

No Prey No Pay - An agreement that a crew receives no wages, but instead... shares any booty pillaged.

No Quarter Given - Any surrender will not be accepted. No prisoners wil be taken.

Parley - A French term found within the pirate's code that allows one to request free passage until negotiations with a ship's captain are resolved.

Plunder - To pillage another...to seize booty without consent...sounds like a friendly game o' Crossbones!

Rum - An intoxicating beverage... like Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum.

Sail ho! - An exclamation alerting yer shipmates that another ship of unknown intentions is near.

Savvy...? - A piratical term meaning... Do ye get what I'm saying matey... or are you familiar with?

Scurvy dog! - A scoundrel... an' a general insult upon a shipmate.

Sea shanty - A work song commonly sung at sea to synchronize crew movement and pass the time.

Shiver me timbers! - An expression of shock, surprise or annoyance... or when tis cold outside.

Show your colours - A request from a nearby ship to show yer flag an' yer intentions... yer true colours.

Strike your colours - A demand directed at an enemy ship to lower it's flag during battle and surrender.

Swabber - A lowly mate who swabs th' deck...an' a general insult..."Raise the Jolly Roger... ye swabber!"

Swashbuckler - An adventurous and brave soul... or generally, one who likes to plunder with the point of

Under bare poles - A ship without her sails set.

Walk the plank - A walk beyond the end of a ships plank to drown at sea an' visit Davey Jones' locker!

Wench - A piratical way to address a familiar lady... careful with this one mates!

Wet me pipe - To quench yer thirst with some o' tha' tasty grog o'course!

X Marks the spot - An "X" markin' the spot on a treasure map where ye buried yer treasure matey...

Yo-ho-ho - Why... pirate laughter o'course... an' a general merry expression.

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