

# Pirates of the Golden Age

Pirates were thieves of the sea. Pirates **plundered** (stole) from other ships and often stole the ships.



## 1. Who were pirates?

Bank robbers.

Fairies and elves.

Thieves of the sea.

Parrots

## 2. What did pirates often steal?

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## When did pirates roam the seas?

There are still pirates that roam the seas today, but they were most famous between 1680 and 1725. This period of time was known as the **Golden Age** of piracy and pirates stole more treasure and goods than ever.

## 3. Do pirates roam the seas today?

Yes

No

#### 4. When were pirates most famous?

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#### What did pirates steal and why?

Pirates stole money, jewellery, gold and silver. In fact, they would take anything they could sell, such as food, alcohol, spices, weapons and even the ship itself!

Some pirates stole because they wanted to become rich but most just wanted to earn a living for themselves.

#### 5. What did pirates steal? *Tick 3*

gold ..... computers ..... weapons .....

shampoo ..... spices ..... cars .....

#### 6. Why did most pirates steal?

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#### The Captain of the Ship

The most important person on a pirate ship was the captain. The captain was chosen by the crew (the other pirates) and decided where the pirate ship should go, which ships they should attack and how battles should be fought.

It was important that the captain led his crew with fairness. A cruel and selfish captain could easily be voted off by the crew and might even be thrown off the ship!