

Adventures of the Steampunk Pirates – Rise of the Slippery Sea Monster (Extract)

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Chapter One – Comprehension

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Section A

1. Who is in charge of the pirates?

2. What are the pirates made out of?

3. What's the name of the pirates' ship?

4. Who does the gold belong to?

5. List the pirates four main food groups.

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6. Find and copy the sentence that tells us that the pirates don't normally do as they are told.

7. What do the pirates want to spend the gold on?

8. What's unusual about the way First Mate Mainspring speaks?

9. How do we know that the pirates were pleased when the commander was knocked into the water?

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Section C

10. 'It had been another successful raid for the Steampunk Pirates.' What does the word 'raid' mean?

11. 'The other pirates howled with laughter...' What does this tell us about the way the pirates were laughing?

12. What is a 'quest'?

13. Why did the commander think the pirates had committed treason?

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Section D

14. 'In which our heroes...' What is the purpose of this opening sentence and why do you think it is set out differently from the rest of the text?

15. Do you think Quartermaster Lexi liked being slapped on the behind? What makes you think this?

16. What is the purpose of the footnote at the bottom of the page?

17. How does Captain Clockheart feel about his wanted poster? What makes you think this?

18. Do you think the pirates are heroes or not? What makes you think this?

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Chapter One – Challenge Activity

Section A

Tick the correct answer.

The pirates had forced the
sailors to their...

bottoms

☐

feet

☐

knees

☐

Pendle, the cabin boy, is
really a...

boy

☐

girl

☐

cat

☐

The bayonet was attached
to Gadge's...

sword

☐

gun

☐

left arm

☐

Captain Clockheart
celebrated with a cup of...

water

☐

wine

☐

oil

☐

Section B

Place these events in chronological order.

- First Mate Mainspring finds a large wooden chest in the hold.
- Gadge knocks the commander into the water.
- The pirates board the transporter ship.
- The commander calls the pirates 'metal menaces'.
- Lexi discovers the royal stamp on the gold.

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Section C

Use the information in the text to decide whether these statements are true or false.

	True	False
Gadge pushed the commander to the tip of an extremely wobbly plank.		
Quartermaster Lexi came out of the hold carrying a large wooden chest.		
The pirates are made out of copper.		
The pirates are going to use the gold to replace their rusting parts.		
Captain Clockheart called the gold ‘a chest full of yellow delights’.		
The pirate ship is called the Leaky Bottom.		

Section D

Complete this chart using information from the text.

Key information:

Main food groups		
Pirate crew members		