

HOW TO TALK LIKE A PIRATE

~ A Captain's Quick Guide ~

Ahoy mateys! Below are some of the most common pirate phrases to get ye started!!! Now let's splice the main brace and weigh anchor me hearties!! Yo Ho!!



SPEAK LIKE THE CREW

Roll your Rs: Exaggerate the "R" sound in your words

Swap pronouns: Use "me" instead of "my," as in "Pass me rum" or "Where is me boot?"

Drop your Gs: Pronounce words ending in "-ing" without the final letter, like sailin' or drinkin'

PIRATE WORDS & SAYINGS

Ahoy: Hello

Aye Aye: Yes, I understand

Avast Ye: A command meaning to pay attention or listen

Booty: Refers to any ill-gotten goods, treasure or loot

Briny Deep: The ocean

Shantey: A song that sailors sing in unison while working

Hang the Jib: To pout or frown

Hearties: Friends Scally Wag: What an experience pirate calls a newbie

Seadog: A veteran pirate

Shiver Me Timbers: An exclamation of surprise

Yo Ho Ho: A jolly expression

Matey: Friend

Me hearties: My friends or fellow crew members.

Landlubber: Someone who does not know how to sail or isn't skilled at sea.

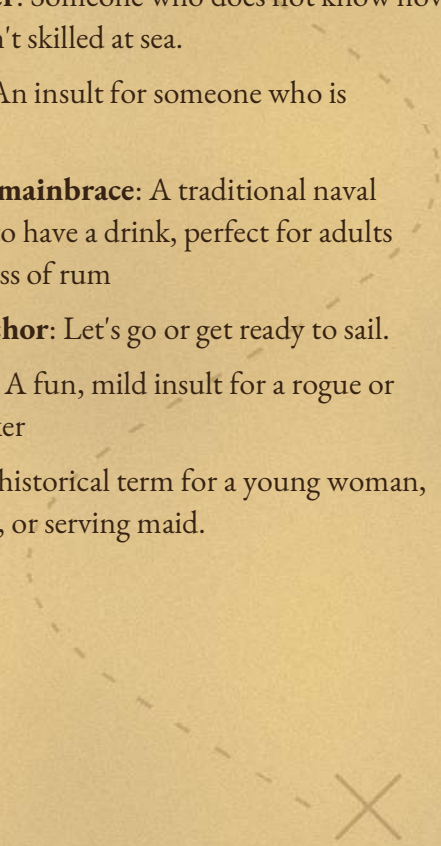
Bilge rat: An insult for someone who is despicable.

Splice the mainbrace: A traditional naval command to have a drink, perfect for adults raising a glass of rum

Weigh anchor: Let's go or get ready to sail.

Scallywag: A fun, mild insult for a rogue or troublemaker

Wench: A historical term for a young woman, peasant girl, or serving maid.



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If ye be smart ye scallywags won't be callin' a pirate lady a wench! Unless she truly is a bar maid!

If ye not be sure, M'lady is very appropriate lest ye want to be sportin' the flat side of a blade against yer cap!

Lass / Lassie: A friendly or traditional term used to address a younger female.

Pirate Queen: A historical title used for powerful female pirate leaders

Nay: The literal historical and nautical word for "no".

Belay that: An order to stop an action or cancel a previous command.

Scupper that: An expression meaning to throw an idea overboard or destroy

Fair winds: A classic wish for a safe journey.

Fair winds and smooth sailing: A friendly wish for calm seas ahead.

Fortune be with yee: A dramatic wish for good luck.

Shove off, bucko: A rough and casual way to tell someone to leave.

Dead men bid no farewells: A dark, classic pirate spin on parting ways

Arrr!: A versatile expression for excitement, anger, or agreement.

Blimey!: An expression of disbelief or amazement.

Savvy?: Do you understand?

Davy Jones's locker: The bottom of the sea; a watery grave for drowned sailors.

Walk the plank: A punishment where a prisoner is forced to walk off a board into the ocean.

Jolly Roger: The classic black flag featuring a white skull and crossbones.

Grog: Diluted rum or any alcoholic drink.

Fair winds and smooth sailing!

