



Pirate Patch and the Black Bird Attack

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Objectives

- To understand and enjoy the main idea of the story.
- To teach how to talk about a variety of emotions and feelings.
- To demonstrate understanding of the concept of swapping one thing for another.

Word bank

Key vocabulary

Nouns:

- the captain
- the first mate
- a knitting pattern
- a lookout
- a rope
- a trap

Verbs:

- to knit
- to swap
- to trap

Key Structures:

- to make someone do something
- to swap one thing for another
- to walk the plank
- **imperatives** - be good!

Tips and ideas

Before reading

- **Personalising – Being good:** Discuss the concept of good and bad behaviour – do different situations make people behave differently?

What do the students think of Patch disobeying his parents?

Does Patch do things his parents think are bad? – Continue this discussion throughout the story.

During reading

- **Fear:** When Bones and Jones catch Patch, he says "You don't frighten me one drop".

Is Patch telling the truth? (Why? / Why not?)

How would your students feel in that situation? Can they describe their feelings?

After reading

- **Total Physical Response Storytelling:** Designate one side of the classroom as *The Little Pearl*, and the opposite side as *The Black Bird*.

Students give each other instructions for the different actions the various characters carry out during the story. e.g. "Pierre, fly across to *The Black Bird* with a rope!"

Teacher support activities

Great Games: Swaps

This activity is a fun way to revise the story's key vocabulary.

- Portside has a fantastic idea. They can swap Peg's treasure map for their captain.
- Portside swapped the treasure map for Granny Peg's knitting pattern!

One student leaves the classroom while their classmates swap belongings and clothes (pencil cases, jumpers, glasses, etc.). The student comes back in and tries to guess who has swapped what.

CLIL link: Torture and Punishment

Kids love the gruesome stories of what pirates did to one another - walking the plank, marooning, mutinies, cat o' nine tails, hanging, etc.

Find out about some of these awful acts and your students can make illustrations for a Top Five Pirate Punishment Scale!

One possible source of information is <http://pirateattack.co.uk/top-ten-pirate-punishments-2/>

English Theatre: Pirate Songs

Teach some traditional pirate songs to your students.

What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor?

What shall we do with a drunken sailor,
What shall we do with a drunken sailor,
What shall we do with a drunken sailor,
Early in the morning?

Hoo-ray and up she rises
Hoo-ray and up she rises
Hoo-ray and up she rises
Early in the morning

Hoo-ray and up she rises
Hoo-ray and up she rises
Hoo-ray and up she rises
Early in the morning

Pull out the plug and wet him all over.
Pull out the plug and wet him all over.
Pull out the plug and wet him all over.
Early in the morning

Put him in the brig till he's sober.
Put him in the brig till he's sober.
Put him in the brig till he's sober.
Early in the morning

Hoo-ray and up she rises
Hoo-ray and up she rises
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Check the song in YouTube (i.e. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4-ytFOS9TI>)