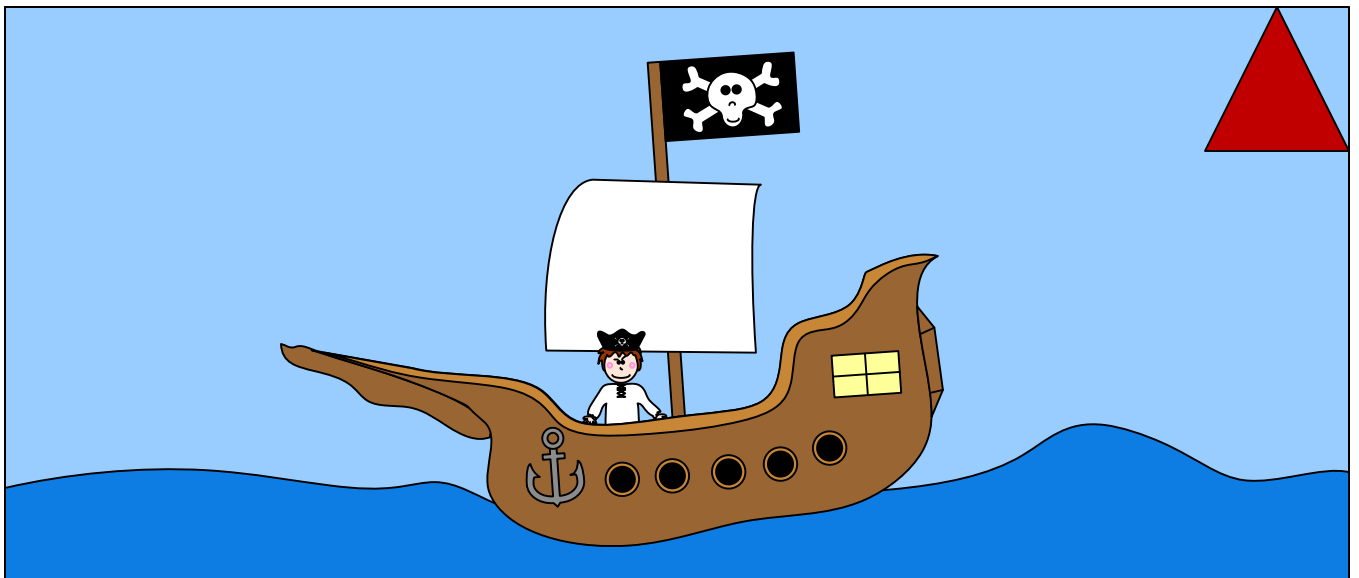


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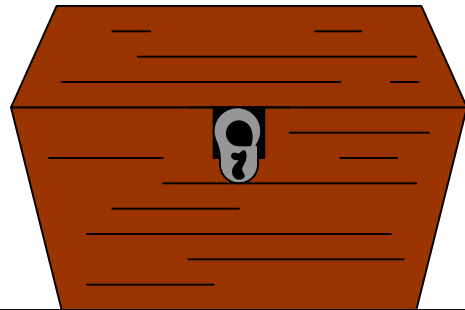


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Lord Luke had a chest of gold. He wanted to give the gold to his friend, June. It was a gift for June because it was June's birthday. Lord Luke and June were best friends, and Lord Luke wanted to give her a very nice birthday present.



Lord Luke put the chest of gold on a ship named Surprise and sent the ship to his best friend June. He sent a note with the chest. The note said:

Dear June,

I hope you have a very nice birthday. Here is a gift for you. I hope you like it. I think you will have a lot of ways you can use it.

From Your Best Friend,
Lord Luke

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When Pirate Drake found out about

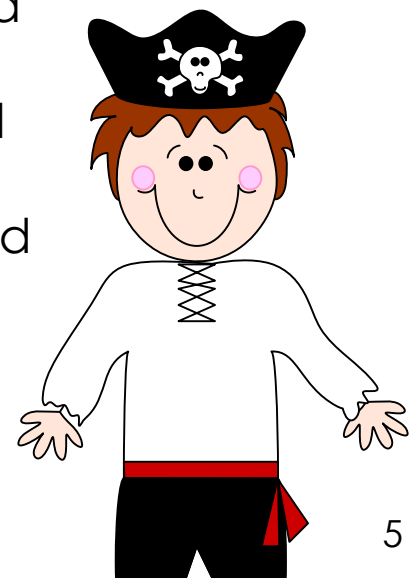


the chest of gold, he came up with a

plan. He would find the Surprise and

find the chest of gold. Then he would


keep the gold for himself.





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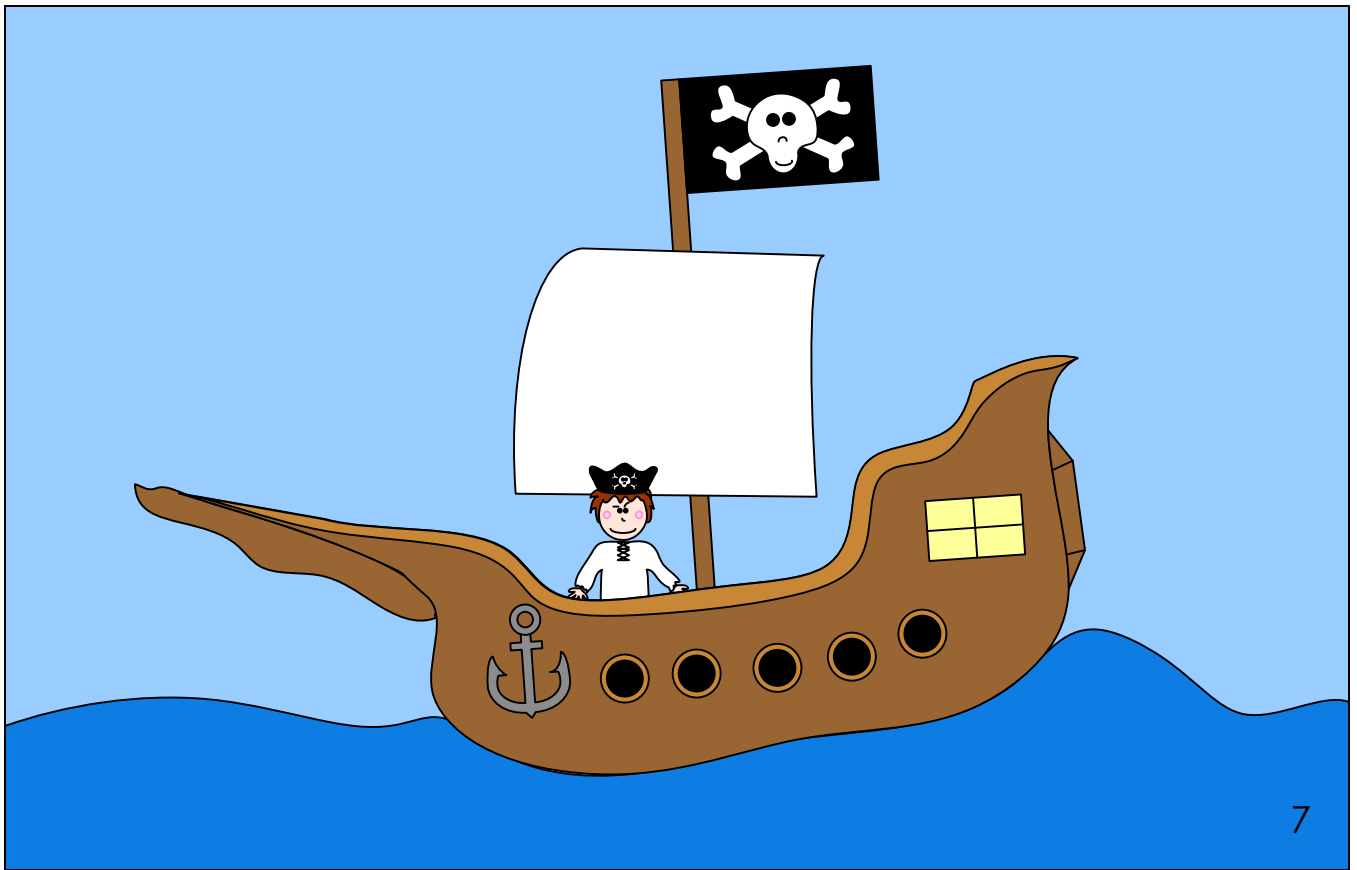
Sadly, June did not get the note or the chest of gold. The ship with the gold got stuck in a storm while at sea. The ship and the gift sank to the bottom of the sea. News of the chest of gold was told all around. Many people found out about the sunken chest of gold. They thought it was so sad that the nice birthday gift sank in the sea.

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Pirate Drake got his crew and went to his ship, the Sailing  Gloom. They loaded the ship with food, rope, and other things they needed.

“Hoist the colors!” yelled Pirate Drake. His crew did what he said and flew the Jolly Roger (which is the  pirate flag). They set sail for the sea in order to find the Surprise and take the chest of gold. They would be rich  pirates if they could find the chest of gold.

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Then, one morning, crew man Chet yelled, “Thar!” (which is pirate talk for “There!”). Pirate Drake and the crew ran to the side of the ship to see what Chet was talking about. Up a little bit, in the sea, there were some big rocks.

“I think the Surprise might have hit those rocks and sank into the sea. If it did, we will find the ship near here,” said Chet.

“I think you might be right,” said Pirate Drake.

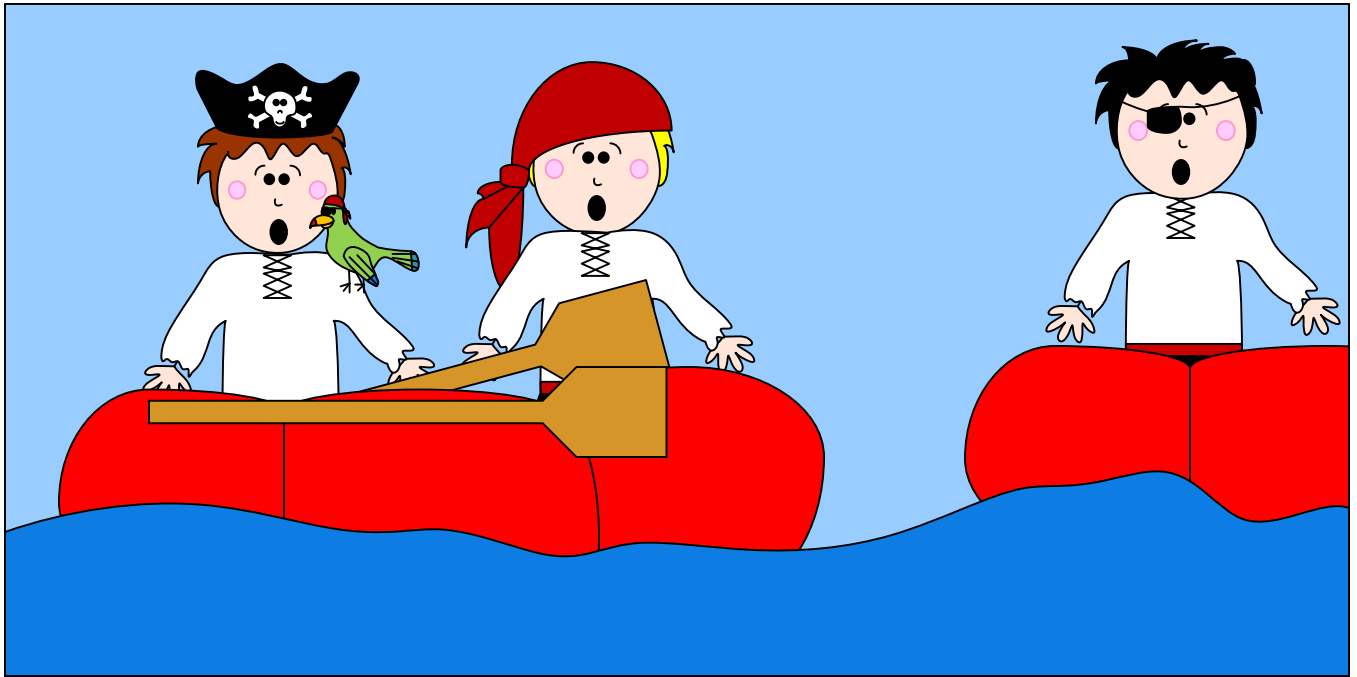


Pirate Drake and his crew sailed the sea for many days. They used a map to help them find where the Surprise might be. They went on the same path as the Surprise, looking for where she sank. Days and days went by and no one on the Sailing Gloom had seen where the Surprise sank.

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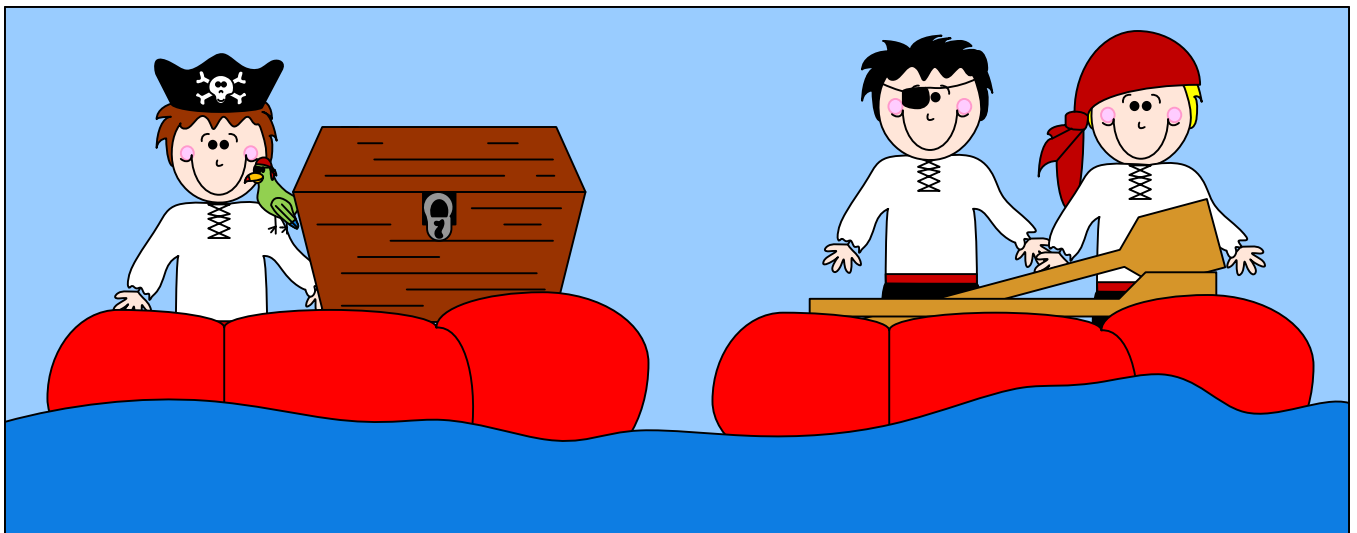
Pirate Drake ordered the crew to drop the anchor so the Sailing Gloom would not hit the rocks. Then they all got in little rafts and rowed over near the rocks. They looked in the water to see if a ship was down there. They could see there was something in the water, but they did not know what it was. Two of the crew men jumped in the water and dove down to see if it was the Surprise.


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It was! It was the Surprise! The Surprise was under the water!

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Pirate Drake and his crew were very happy that they  had found the lost chest of gold! They were very rich! They put the chest and all the gold in the rafts and went back to the Sailing Gloom.

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Two more men jumped in the water and dove down to help look for the chest of gold. After the third try, the crew man found the chest of gold! Pirate Drake sent some rope down to the crew. They put the rope around the chest of gold. The men in the rafts lifted the chest of gold out of the sea with the rope.

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When they got back to the Sailing Gloom, they all got on deck.

“Avast! This is a raid!” someone said. The pirates all stopped where they were. On the deck of the Sailing Gloom was a different band of pirates! “We followed you out here and let you get the chest of gold for us.

We will be taking it now! Thank you for getting it out of the sea for us.”

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Pirate Drake and his crew were very mad. They



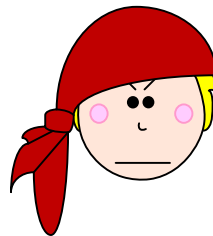
wanted to keep the chest of gold so they would be

rich. But, they felt they had no choice but to hand

over the gold. The other pirates left with the chest of



gold and went back to their own ship.



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New Words

anchor



pirate



pirates



water



Pirate Drake came up with a plan. They would hunt for new



gold. It was other gold that Pirate Drake knew about. "Crew,"



Pirate Drake said to his crew, "It is okay. We are pirates, and



this is our life. Forget the lost chest of Lord Luke. We will hunt

for the missing gold of the Duke of the South. It is far bigger

and far better than the chest of Lord Luke. Hoist the colors!

Set sail for the south!"

Pirate Drake and his crew set sail looking



for new gold. What would they find?

