

The Search for the Atlantean Treasure

Scene 1: Seaside Inn - Back Room

[The setting is a dark room with a large wooden table in the centre. Captain Fairfurrow and his first mate, Johnson, look at a map.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [stroking his beard] Hello, Johnson, my first mate! Do you know why I brought you here tonight?

Johnson: Yes, Captain Fairfurrow! I've heard stories of a lost **Atlantean** treasure hidden deep in the sea. Are we going after it?

Captain Fairfurrow: [leaning forward] Yes, indeed! We're searching for a crew, Johnson, a crew brave enough to face the dangers of the seas. Do you know anyone?

Johnson: Yes, Captain! I know a few people crazy enough for the task and they're good with swords too. Luckily, they're having a drink in this very inn tonight!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then let's go find them, Johnson! Where are they? Are they ready to set sail?

Johnson: Yes, Captain! In the bar but I'm afraid they're quite a noisy bunch!

Captain Fairfurrow: We have no time to waste, Johnson!

[Johnson quickly rolls up the map before they both leave through a squeaky door.]

Scene 2: Seaside Inn - Bar

[Captain Fairfurrow and Johnson enter the bustling bar, filled with pirates drinking and singing along to music.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [raising his voice] Listen up, everyone! We're looking for people to join our crew. We'll be going on an adventure tonight to find the lost Atlantean treasure in the heart of the deep blue!

[The room becomes quiet before the pirates burst into laughter.]

Pirate 1: [laughing] There's no such thing!

Pirate 2: He's gone mad! Many have been lost searching for that treasure. It's just a story!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then what do you call this? [he holds out the map which has a big golden X on it that sparkles in the candlelight.]

Pirate 1: Is that the map?!

Pirate 2: It can't be! We'd be rich beyond our dreams!

Pirate 3: We're in, Captain!



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Scene 3: The Heart of the Deep Blue

[After hours of sailing, a storm rages with lightning flashing and waves crashing against the ship.]

Johnson: Captain! The waves! They're tearing us apart!

Captain Fairfurrow: [shouting over the storm] We mustn't give up, Johnson! There are great riches beyond this storm!

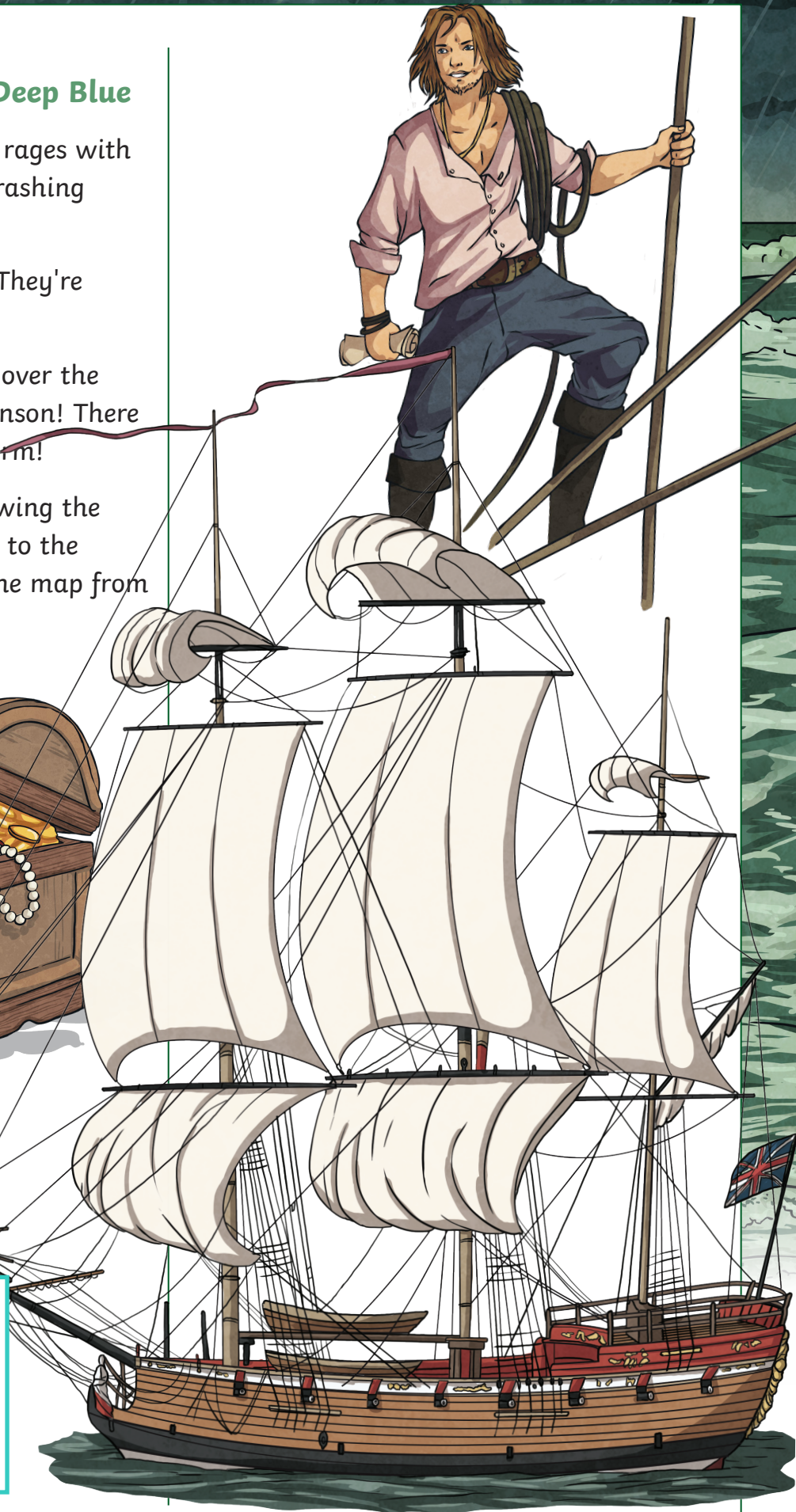
[The ship moves violently, throwing the crew off balance and many fall to the **deck**. A strong wind snatches the map from Captain Fairfurrow's hand.]



Glossary

Atlantean: Linked with the lost city of Atlantis.

deck: The floor of a ship.



Questions

1. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☒ 1 Captain Fairfurrow looks at a map with Johnson.
- ☐ A storm batters the ship.
- ☐ The map is lost.
- ☐ A group of pirates laugh at the captain.

2. According to the text, who is Johnson? Tick one.

- ☐ the captain
- ☐ an innkeeper
- ☐ the first mate
- ☐ a dog

3. Draw **four** lines to match the lines to the character that speaks them.

Captain Fairfurrow	I know a few people crazy enough for the task.
Johnson	We have no time to waste.
Pirate 1	There's no such thing!
Pirate 1	Is that the map?!

4. Underline one word in the stage direction below that is closest in meaning to 'aggressively'.

[The ship moves violently, throwing the crew off balance and many fall to the deck. A strong wind snatches the map from Captain Fairfarrow's hand.]

5. Fill in the missing words.

[Johnson _____ rolls up the map before they both leave through a _____ door.]

6. What do most people believe about the lost Atlantean treasure?

7. Explain what you think might happen next in the play using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Answers

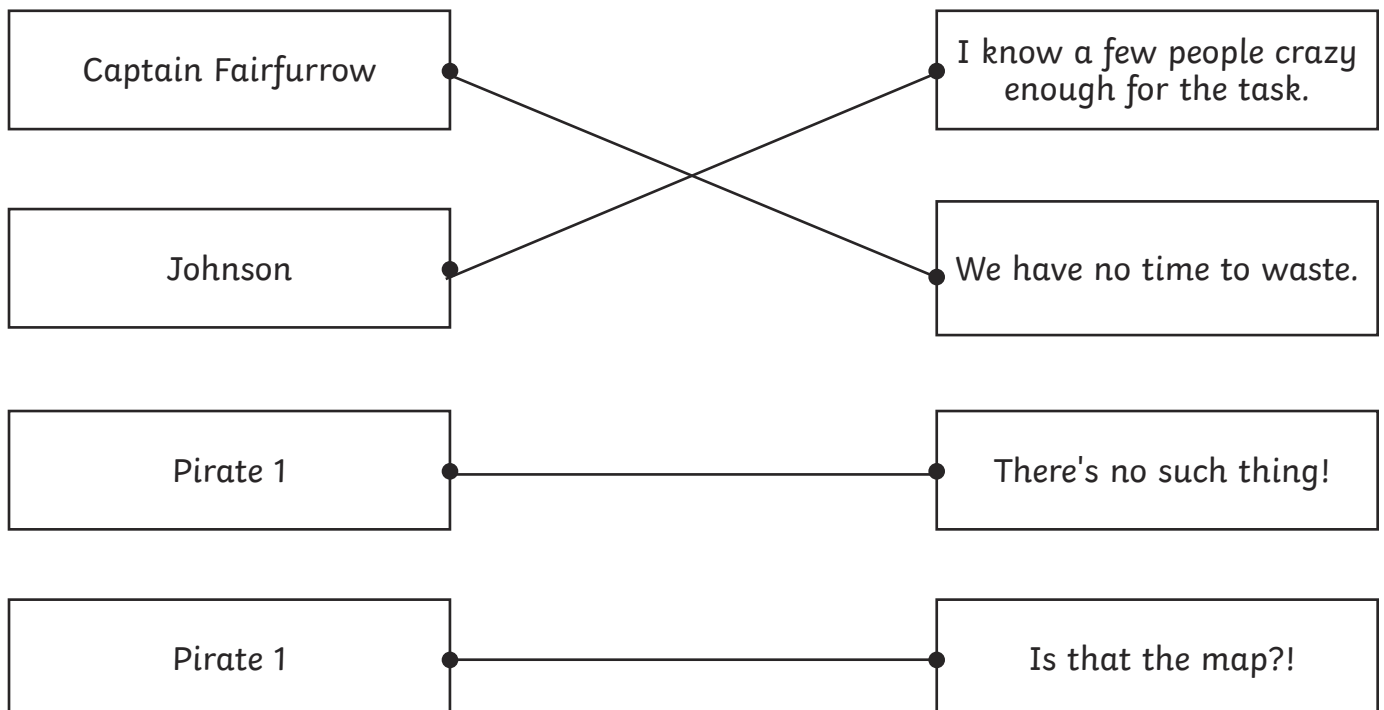
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*[The ship moves **violently**, throwing the crew off balance and many fall to the deck. A strong wind snatches the map from Captain Fairfarrow's hand.]*

5. Fill in the missing words.

[Johnson **quickly** rolls up the map before they both leave through a **squeaky** door.]

6. What do most people believe about the lost Atlantean treasure?

Most people believe that the lost Atlantean treasure is just a story.

7. Explain what you think might happen next in the play using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the ship might get lost because at the end, the map is blown away.

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Captain Fairfurrow: [rubbing his beard] Hello, Johnson, me first mate! Do ye know why I've brought you here tonight?

Johnson: Yes, Captain Fairfurrow! I've heard stories of a lost **Atlantean** treasure hidden in the heart of the deep blue that only a silly person would go after. Are we those silly folks?

Captain Fairfurrow: [leaning forward] Aye, indeed! We're looking for a crew, Johnson, a crew brave enough to face the dangers of the seas. Do you know anyone up for the job?

Johnson: Yes, Captain! I know a few folks crazy enough for the task and they're good with swords too. Luckily, they're drinking in this very inn tonight!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then let's go find them, Johnson! The more, the merrier! Where are they? Are they ready to set sail?

Johnson: Aye, Captain! The group of people are in the bar, but I'm afraid they're quite a loud bunch!

Captain Fairfurrow: No time to waste, let's go, Johnson!

[Johnson quickly rolls up the map. The Captain puts his sword away before they

leave through a squeaky door. The sound of laughter and music can be heard when it opens.]

Scene 2: Seaside Inn - Bar

[Captain Fairfurrow and Johnson enter the noisy bar, filled with rowdy pirates drinking and singing along to music.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [raising his voice] Listen up, everyone! I be looking for people to join me crew. We'll be going on an adventure tonight to find the lost Atlantean treasure!

[The room becomes quiet before the pirates burst into laughter.]

Pirate 1: You must be crazy! There's no such thing!

Pirate 2: [slamming his fist on the table] He's gone mad! Many have been lost looking for that treasure. It's just a story!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then what do you call this? [he holds out the map which has a big golden X on it that shimmers in the candlelight.]

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[Johnson puts a feather pen and a piece of paper on the table. After seeing the map, the pirates eagerly sign up for the mission.]



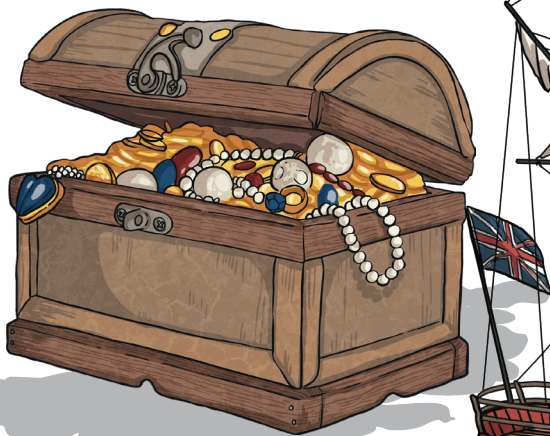
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[After hours of sailing, a storm rages with lightning flashing and waves crashing against the ship.]

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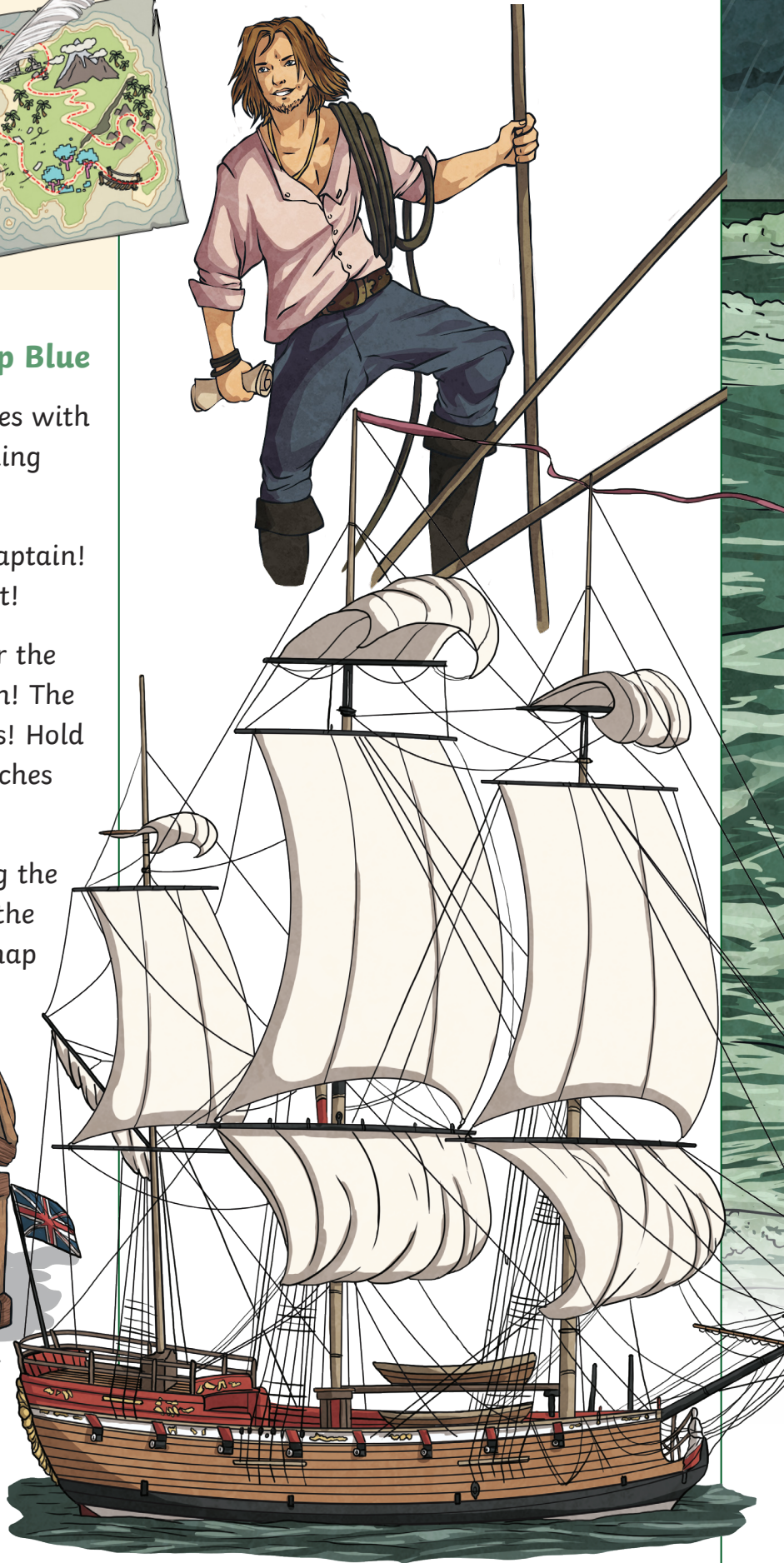
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Questions

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Stage direction

Character name

Setting description

Scene title

Pirate 1:

[slamming his fist on the table]

Seaside Inn - Back Room

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2. According to the text, where is the lost treasure to be found? Tick one.

- ☐ at an inn
- ☐ on a ship
- ☐ the heart of the deep blue
- ☐ on an island

3. Which is the correct synonym for 'shimmers'? Tick one.

- ☐ glides
- ☐ shines
- ☐ burns
- ☐ hides

4. Underline **one** word in the quotation below that shows how dangerous the storm is.

[After hours of sailing, a storm rages with lightning flashing and waves crashing against the ship.]

5. Look at the section **Scene 2: Seaside Inn - Bar**. Find and copy the word that suggests that the pirates are loud.

6. Fill in the missing words.

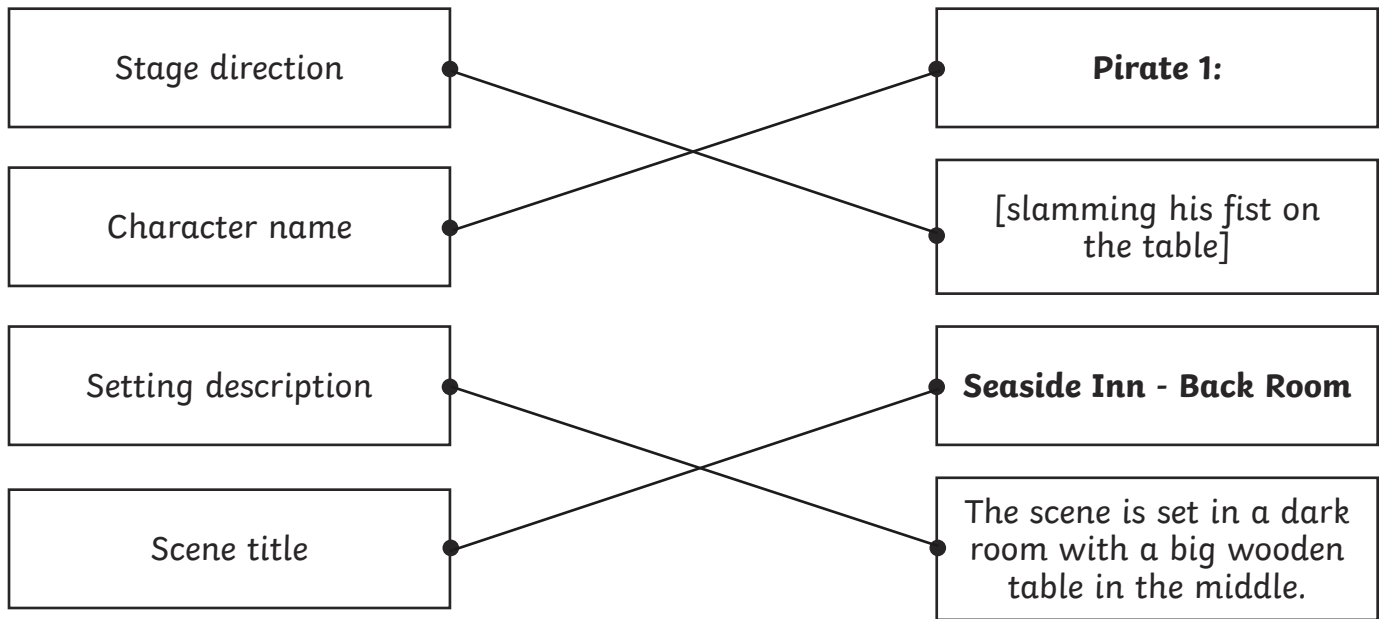
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7. Summarise what happens in the storm in 20 words or less.

8. Do you think Johnson was a good first mate? Give reasons for your answer from the text.

Answers

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Pupils' own responses, such as: The storm rages and batters the ship. The captain encourages his crew but Johnson panics. The map is blown away.

8. Do you think Johnson was a good first mate? Give reasons for your answer from the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Johnson is a good first mate because he does as his captain orders immediately and helps him get a crew together. He also accompanies him on a dangerous adventure without question.

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[The scene is set in a dark room with a big wooden table in the middle. Captain Fairfurrow and his first mate, Johnson, sit facing each other with a map on the table held down by a cutlass and some metal tankards.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [stroking his beard] Ahoy, Johnson, me first mate! Do ye know why I've brought ye here tonight?

Johnson: Aye, Captain Fairfurrow! I've heard rumours of a lost **Atlantean** treasure hidden in the heart of the deep blue that only a foolish person would go after. Are we those fools?

Captain Fairfurrow: [leaning forward] Aha! Exactly! We be gathering a crew, Johnson, a crew brave enough to face the dangers of the seas. We need people who won't be scared of seeing a terrifying sea monster or a hair-raising storm. Do ye know anyone up for the task?

Johnson: Aye, Captain! I know a few folks crazy enough for the job, and they're good with swords too. Luckily, they're drinking in this very inn tonight!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then let's go find them, Johnson! The more, the merrier! Where are they? Are they ready to set sail?

Johnson: Aye, Captain! The group of people are in the bar, but I'm afraid they're quite a noisy, rowdy bunch!

Captain Fairfurrow: No time to waste, let's go, Johnson!

[Johnson quickly rolls up the map. The Captain puts his sword away before they leave through a creaky door. The sound of laughter and music can be heard when it opens, and it becomes quiet when it closes. Captain Fairfurrow looks around carefully.]



Scene 2: Seaside Inn - Bar

[Captain Fairfurrow and Johnson enter the noisy bar, filled with pirates drinking and singing along to the **accordion** music.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [raising his voice] Listen up, everyone! I be looking for people to join me crew. We'll be embarking on an adventure tonight to find the lost Atlantean treasure!

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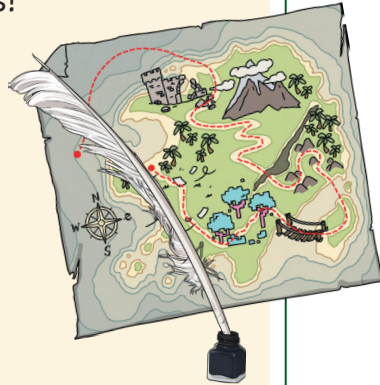
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Scene 3: The Heart of the Deep Blue

[After hours of sailing, a storm rages with lightning flashing and waves crashing against the ship. The crew frantically works to keep the ship, which is called the Black Tide, afloat.]

Johnson: [struggling to hold on] Captain! The waves! They're tearing us apart!

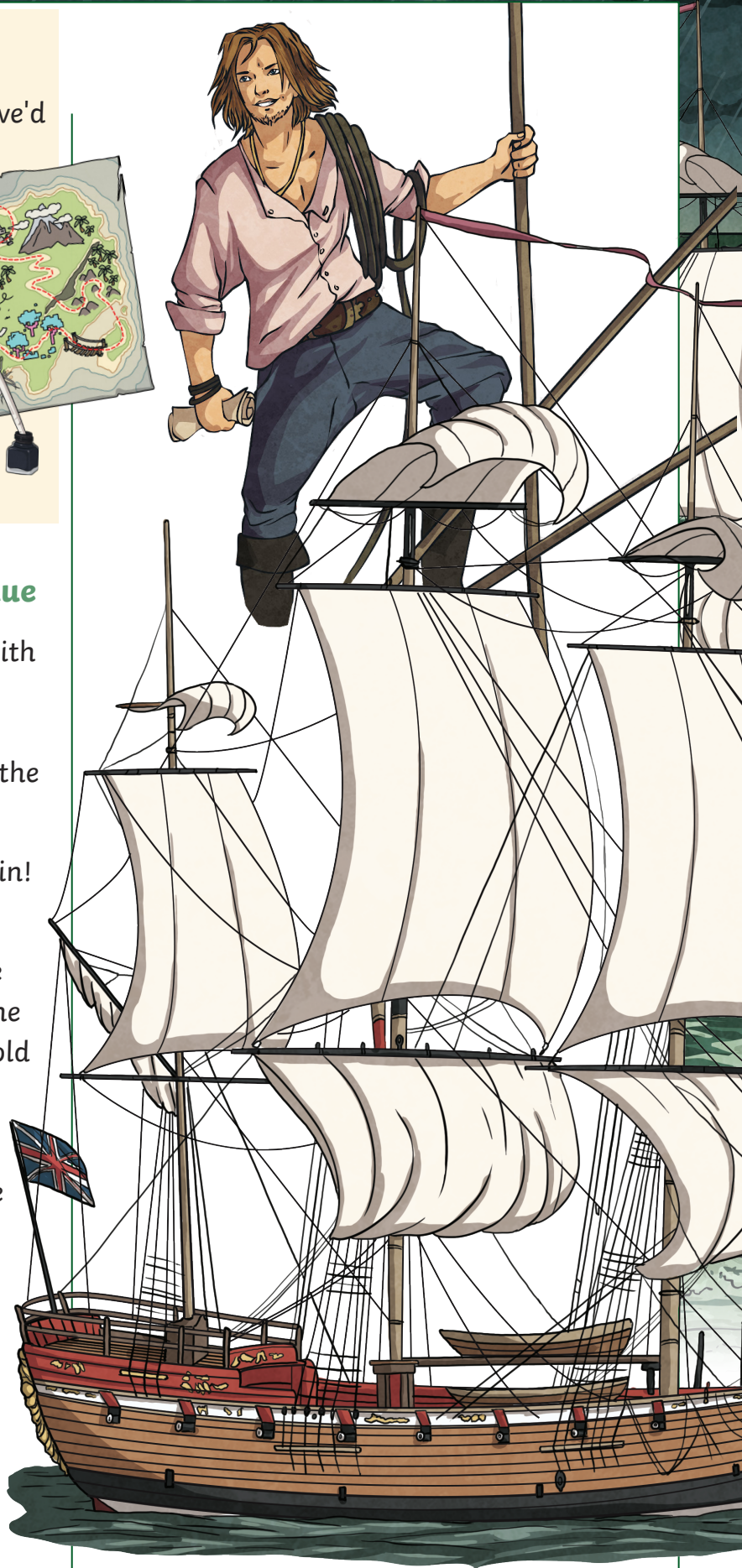
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Glossary

accordion: A musical instrument with bellows and keys.

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Questions

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- ☐ The captain asks Johnson if he knows anyone for the crew.
- ☐ A storm batters the ship.
- ☐ A group of pirates laugh at the captain.

2. Underline one word in the sentence below that is a synonym of 'silly'.

I've heard rumours of a lost Atlantean treasure hidden deep in the sea that only a foolish person would go after.

3. Fill in the missing words.

[Captain Fairfarrow and Johnson enter the _____ bar, filled with pirates drinking and singing along to the _____ music.]

4. Name **three** characters that appear in the play script.

- _____
- _____
- _____

5. What shows the crew where the treasure can be found?

6. Why does Johnson warn the captain about the pirates in the bar?

7. How did the pirates' opinion of the lost treasure change during the play script?

8. Summarise what happens in the play script in under 45 words.

Answers

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- 1** The captain asks Johnson if he knows anyone for the crew.
- 3** A storm batters the ship.
- 2** A group of pirates laugh at the captain.

2. Underline one word in the sentence below that is a synonym of 'silly'.

*I've heard rumours of a lost Atlantean treasure hidden deep in the sea that only a **foolish** person would go after.*

3. Fill in the missing words.

[Captain Fairfurrow and Johnson enter the **noisy** bar, filled with pirates drinking and singing along to the **accordion** music.]

4. Name **three** characters that appear in the play script.

Accept any three answers from the following:

- **Captain Fairfurrow**
- **Johnson**
- **Pirate 1**
- **Pirate 2**
- **Pirate 3**

5. What shows the crew where the treasure can be found?

a treasure map

6. Why does Johnson warn the captain about the pirates in the bar?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Johnson warns the captain that the pirates in the bar are 'noisy' and 'raucous' which suggests that they are loud and may cause trouble.

7. How did the pirates' opinion of the lost treasure change during the play script?

Pupils' own responses, such as: At first, the pirates thought the lost treasure was just a story and that Captain Fairfarrow was mad to go after it. When they saw the map, they began to believe in the treasure.

8. Summarise what happens in the play script in under 45 words.

Pupils' own responses, such as: A pirate captain and his first mate gather a crew to go in search of a lost treasure. They board a ship and sail into treacherous waters where the storm batters the ship. The map is blown away at the end.