

A Pirate's Life For Me

4 Thursday 6th June, 1708

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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What do you think might happen to the pirates next?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the information in the text, e.g. I think that the weather might still be bad and the pirates might start to become seasick.



2. How is Captain Longworth feeling about being on the pirate ship? Give a reason.

Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. Pirate Longworth is feeling downhearted because the weather has been bad and the food is running out.



3. What is the Jolly Roger?

The pirate flag.



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Torn.