

Pirates!

Activity 1

With your partner write two definitions of the word 'pirate' below.

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Activity 2

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with the following words and phrases.

piracy software piracy pirates pirate radio stations pirating

1. Are there any in your country? What kind of music do they play? Do you ever listen to any of them? In what ways are they different to authorized radio stations?
2. Do you think is really a crime? How do you think it should be punished? Have you ever copied any computer programmes illegally, for personal use?
3. CDs and DVDs is currently illegal. Do you think it should be legalized? Have you ever copied a CD or a DVD for your personal use?
4. Were you interested in when you were a child? Why do you think children are interested in books like 'Treasure Island' and films like 'Pirates of the Caribbean'?
5. What do you think ship owners today can do to reduce the problem of modern?

Activity 3

Ask your partner the questions in Activity 2.

Activity 4

Discuss the following statements with your partner and decide if they are true or false.

1. The offence of 'Piracy with Violence' carried the death penalty in Britain until as recently as 1998.
2. According to a survey by the National Consumer Council in 2006 over half of British adults infringe copyright law by pirating CDs.
3. The novel 'Treasure Island,' about a pirate called Long John Silver and his crew, was written by Robert Louis Stevenson.
4. Captain Cook was a famous pirate king in J.M Barrie's book, 'Peter Pan'.
5. Most of the world's pirate attacks these days occur off the coast of Somalia, Africa.
6. There have never been any famous women pirates in history.
7. Piracy is not a new activity: thousands of years ago the ancient Greek writer, Homer, mentioned acts of piracy in his book, 'The Odyssey'.

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Activity 5

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which ship is mentioned in the TP Homework?
2. Which date is referred to in the TP Homework: a) 1791 b) 1891 c) 1991?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

'How should the problem of piracy be dealt with?'

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