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you a  
**GR8**  
*Saver?*



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*Ahoy!* You've heard the old tales of pirates sailing the seas seeking out treasure? Well, even though pirates no longer exist, you can build up your own pirate-like treasure chest by saving a bit of your pocket money on a regular basis.

That is what your local credit union is there to help you do. Pirates were very smart with their treasure, just like you need to be smart with your money. If you get pocket money, work out how much you are going to spend and how much you are going to save.

Once you decide, you can put it into your credit union account. The credit union will keep your money safe until you need it.

Credit unions are a safe place for you to save your money and a place where you might want to borrow money or get a loan when you get older.

*Fix up the words...*

Can you unscramble these words – all answers relate to pirates and to what pirates called their money!

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| 1. ierapt hspi .....     | 5. ngkis lhsilgin ..... |
| 2. ipsh aoyh .....       | 6. outbyn .....         |
| 3. eburid etsrarue ..... | 7. yobot .....          |
| 4. klbacreadb .....      | 8. olot .....           |

*Answers on reverse side*

*Find the pirate words...*

a	b	d	y	t	r	e	a	s	u	r	e	a	e
c	a	p	t	a	i	n	a	c	h	t	y	o	i
c	t	m	p	i	r	a	t	e	a	i	h	l	l
t	h	y	s	u	o	r	r	d	g	o	p	w	h
o	r	s	u	c	c	t	e	y	e	h	a	t	a
a	p	e	a	s	e	h	a	p	l	o	o	w	c
h	o	w	a	l	m	o	s	a	o	o	c	o	y
p	a	r	r	o	t	a	t	b	l	k	o	o	k

*Pirate  
Hook  
Treasure  
Parrot  
Ship  
Captain*

*Famous Pirates...*

*Blackbeard*



*Blackbeard*

Real name Edward Teach or Edward Drummond (1680-1718) An English Pirate who sailed the Caribbean and Atlantic aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge. He turned pirate after fighting for Britain during the Spanish War of Succession. He was nicknamed for his large black beard. Before capturing a ship he would weave hemp into his beard and light it on fire—an intimidation tactic that made him look fierce. *Yikes! That would scare us, too.*



*Calico Jack*

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Known as John Rackham, (1682-1720) An English pirate famous for flying a flag of skull and crossed cutlasses and nicknamed for the colourful calico clothing he wore. He is also known for employing two of the only known female pirates, Anne Bonny and Mary Read. Originally a quartermaster, Rackham took over his ship when Captain Charles Vain failed in an attack against a French Warship mistaken for another vessel. As captain, Rackham mostly stole from small vessels close to shore.

*Anne Bonny*



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(1700-1782) An Irish-American woman pirate born to a wealthy family and disowned when she married a small-time pirate, James Bonny, at 16. Anne left James for the pirate, John "Calico Jack" Rackham and posed as a man to join his crew. Anne never commanded a ship but is famous for being one of the few female pirates.



*Stede Bonnet*

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(1688-1718) A Barbadian pirate who sailed the American Eastern Seaboard aboard the Revenge. After marital problems in 1717, he used inherited wealth to purchase an armed boat and turned pirate. His lack of leadership experience led him to give temporary command of his fleet to Blackbeard whom he had met in the Bahamas.

*Learn about Pirates, me hearty mate...*

**1** The skull and crossbones flag at the top of a pirate ship is called a Jolly Roger. Although the origin of the name "Jolly Roger" has been lost, one theory stems from the use of red flags. Centuries ago, a red flag was commonly used during wars at sea to signal that no mercy would be given. Called a Joli Rogue ("pretty red") by the French, this was then translated into English as Jolly Roger.



**2** Pirates did have eye patches! It's been said that one of the reasons pirates wore eye patches was to help keep one eye adjusted to night vision for seeing below deck.

**3** There were women pirates, too. Being a pirate wasn't just for men. Famous female pirates include Mary Read, Anne Bonny, Grace O'Malley, and Ching Shih.

**4** Pirates didn't always bury their treasure. Some pirates didn't bury their treasure right away because they wanted their share of the loot beforehand. And a pirate's treasure didn't always include gold or silver; most of it was food, lumber, cloth, and animal hides.

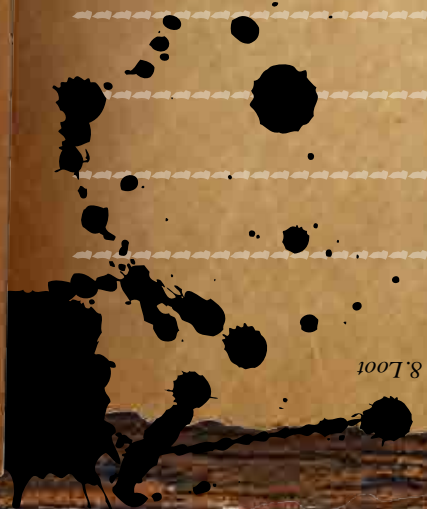


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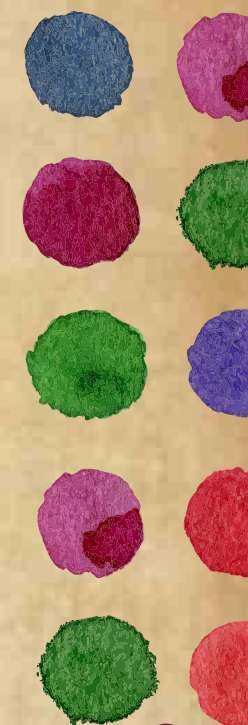


*The day I found treasure...*



The Golden Age of Piracy refers to a time (generally thought to be between 1650 and 1730) when pirates were very active. During this period, Spanish colonies in the Americas minted coins in silver (called Reales).

The 8 reale coin could be physically cut into eight pieces to make change — hence the slang name “**pieces of eight**”.



A cartoon illustration of a pirate captain. He has a large, round face, a wide grin showing his teeth, and a single eye patch over his right eye. He wears a blue pirate hat with a white skull emblem. His outfit consists of a red jacket with yellow trim, a white shirt, and a brown belt with a large gold buckle. He is holding a large cutlass in his right hand and a small pistol in his left. The background is a simple, light brown wall with a black and white striped pattern at the top.

Why are pirates  
soooo mean?  
We don't know.  
they just Arrrrrrrrrrr! \*

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