



Pirate Speak	The King's English
Ahoy	Hello
Avast	Pay attention
Aye-Aye	Acknowledgement and agreement
Blimey	Expressing frustration
Blow me down	Phrase of amazement or shock
Booty	Treasure
Broadside	The most vulnerable angle of a ship that runs the length of the boat
Buccaneer	Comes from the French boucan, a grill for the smoking of dried meat, for use in ships at sea, became slang for a pirate.
Crow's Nest	A small lookout platform near the mast to see long distances
Cutlass	A thick, heavy and rather short sword blade for pirates
Davy Jones' Locker	A mystical fable about an evil spirit from the bottom of the ocean that draws pirates or sailors down to their death
Doubloons	Types of Spanish gold coins
Fire in the Hole	Warning given to crew before a cannon is fired
First Mate	2 nd in command of a ship. Sometimes called a quartermaster.
Galley	Area aboard a ship that food is prepared
Gangplank	Removable ramp between the pier and ship
Gangway	A walkway providing a passage or a command to move out of the way.
Hands	Crew members or sailors of a ship
Hang 'em from the yardarm	Type of punishment served to a prisoner
Head	Toilet on a pirate ship
Hearties	Friends, fellow sailors
Heave ho!	Put your weight and muscle into it
Heave to!	Stop at once
Jacob's ladder	A rope ladder used to climb aboard a boat
Jolly Roger	The ensign flown by a pirate ship preceding or during an attack
Keelhaul	Form of punishment in which a person is dragged under a ship's keel
Lad, lass, lassie	A kid or young person
Landlubber	Person who works or lives ashore
Lookout	The pirate who keeps watch for land or oncoming ships
Man-O-War	A pirate ship that is decked out and prepared for battle
Marooned	To be abandoned with no food, drink, or possessions
Mutiny	When crew gang up against the Captain of the ship or other authority
Old Salt	Experienced pirate
Pegleg	Artificial leg usually made out of wood
Piracy	Robbery usually performed at sea.
Plunder	To steal or pillage



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Port	The left side of a ship
Rudder	Device for steering the ship by directing water at the stern
Savvy	Do you understand?
Sallywag	A scoundrel or the worst thing you can call a pirate.
Scurvy dog	An insulting name given to another pirate
Seadog	A veteran or old pirate
Shanty	A nautical song sung while working upon a ship
Shipshape	A managed and clean ship with everything is under control
Shiver me timber!	Expression of surprise
Shot across the bow	Cannon warning shot given to another boat's Captain
Spyglass	Telescope
Starboard	The right side of the ship
Stern	The rear/aft end of a ship
Strike the colors	Lower a ship's flag to indicate surrender
Swab	Mop the ship's deck and floorboards
Swab the deck	Mop/clean the floor that you walk upon
Walk the plank	An order to walk off the board overlapping the ocean
Weigh anchor	An order to the crew to pull up the anchor
Yo-Ho!	Hey!