

Y2 – Pirates – Tuesday

I've highlighted some different words today. The author has used some **non-standard English** to give the pirate his own voice and personality. Non-standard English is a word or phrase that is not considered correct by 'educated' speakers of the language. They're often used to show a regional dialect. The words could be variations of actual English words or words not used in a grammatically correct way.

Your task is to look at the words and figure out what the 'correct' word should be. Read the word. Read it in the context of the sentence. Have a think. Choose the correct word.

Non-standard English word	Word used in a sentence	In standard English
gotcha	I gotcha real good that time!	got you
beggin'	Beggin' your pardon,	begging
ain't	These murky waters ain't for the faint hearted.	are not
yerself	Sit yerself down on that there apple barrel.	yourself
yer	If that doesn't frighten yer back ashore, you're welcome anytime!	your
ye	Hang onto yer hat my friend and watch ye don't go overboard.	you

Look out for this in books you read. It's a great technique that authors use to bring a character to life!