

## Y2 – Pirates – Tuesday

Hello Year 2s!

Listen to this extract from the book on the website or read it with an adult. Did you get stuck on any tricky words? Make sure you have a go at sounding out and having a go.



### *Ahoy there, landlubber!*

*What brings you aboard? 'Beggin' your  
pardon, but these murky waters ain't for the  
faint-hearted and if I were you I'd turn  
around and keep my boots on dry land.*

*Not convinced, eh? Well, sit yerself down on that  
there apple barrel and pin back those ears. When  
we reach the open sea I'll tell you all the pirate  
tales I know: walking the plank and digging for  
gold; seasaving crooks and clashing blades.*

*And if that don't frighten yer back ashore,  
you're welcome anytime! Hang onto yer hat my  
friend and watch ye don't go overboard...*

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 <b>gotcha</b> real good that time!	got you
beggin'	<b>Beggin'</b> your pardon,	
ain't	These murky waters <b>ain't</b> for the faint hearted.	
yerself	Sit <b>yerself</b> down on that there apple barrel.	
yer	If that doesn't frighten <b>yer</b> back ashore, you're welcome anytime!	
ye	Hang onto yer hat my friend and watch <b>ye</b> don't go overboard.	

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