

Sample Reading Paper 1 - Fiction

Walk the Plank



Useful words:

treasure

skull and crossbones

gunpowder

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Isabel was playing in the park with her brothers. They were playing on the pirate ship climbing frame. Max was always the captain because he was the oldest. Sam was always the first mate because he was the second oldest. Isabel was the youngest. Her brothers always made her walk the plank when they played pirates. She sometimes asked if she could be captain but they always said no.

1. What were the children playing on?

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2. Write the names of the children in order in the table, from oldest to youngest:

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	Isabel	Max	Sam
Oldest			
Second oldest			
Youngest			

3. Why didn't Isabel ever get to be the captain?

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One day, Isabel was being made to walk the plank because she hadn't washed the decks clean. Captain Max had been out burying his treasure. He had stomped back onto the ship with mud all over his boots. What a mess he had made! Isabel had tried to clean the decks but she couldn't clean up the mud. Both of her brothers laughed when she jumped off the edge of the pirate ship climbing frame. She landed with a bump.

4. Why was Isabel being made to walk the plank? Tick **one** box.

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She had got mud on the deck. She jumped off the climbing frame.

She hadn't washed the decks. She had mud on her boots.

5. Find and copy one word that shows how Max walked back onto the ship.

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6. Why did Isabel's brothers laugh when she jumped off the climbing frame?

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She looked up at her brothers laughing at her and then she saw something odd. Underneath the climbing frame was a strange drawing. It was a skull and crossbones. She reached out and touched the drawing. There was a flash of light and Isabel was suddenly inside a ship at sea! She could feel the ship tipping from side to side.

7. 'She looked up at her brothers laughing at her.' How do you think Isabel felt at this point?

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8. 'There was a flash of light and Isabel was suddenly inside a ship at sea!' Why does the author use an exclamation mark at the end of this sentence?

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9. Why was the ship tipping from side to side?

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Isabel looked around in amazement. She saw something moving behind a barrel of gunpowder in the corner. Sam and Max's heads slowly popped up. Just then, a real-life pirate appeared. He grabbed the children and marched them to the captain. The captain shouted at them to walk the plank. Isabel was angry. She wasn't being forced to walk the plank again! She grabbed a sword and ran towards the captain.

10. Why was Isabel angry with the captain?

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The captain was shocked. He grabbed his sword to try and stop Isabel but she was so angry that she pushed him straight off the ship. The other pirates cheered. The captain had been a cruel man. They made Isabel their new captain and they sailed to Pirate's Gold Island to find some new treasure.

11. Why did the other pirates cheer when the captain fell off the ship?

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12. Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to sequence the events in the story.

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Isabel finds herself on a pirate ship.

Isabel falls off the climbing frame.

The pirate captain is pushed off the ship.

The pirates sail to Pirate's Gold Island.

