

1. Read the text and complete using PAST SIMPLE

A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME

FILMS USUALLY GIVE THE IDEA THAT A PIRATE'S LIFE WAS EXCITING. BUT WAS IT?

Pirates (travel) _____ at sea for very long periods. Sometimes they (not do) _____ much, they just (wait) _____ for the ship to attack. In 1600 life (be) _____ difficult on a ship. Pirates (not eat) _____ well, they only (have) _____ old biscuits to eat. They often died at the sea because of the terrible conditions.

When pirates finally attacked a ship, they put up the special flag called the Jolly Roger. But they also (use) _____ a red flag. When they used the red flag the pirates (not take) _____ any prisoners. They killed everyone, and rescue was impossible!

Long John Silver was the typical pirate captain with only one eye. There was a good reason why a number of sea captains only had one eye. To discover their position at sea, captains (look) _____ directly at the sun with a special instrument like a telescope. They (do) _____ this every day. As a result they often lost the use of an eye!

2. Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1) Were pirates always very active?
- 2) Why was life difficult on a ship?
- 3) Did they kill their prisoners?
- 4) Why was the red flag bad?
- 5) Some pirate captains only had one eye. Why?