



a) Complete the following passage. Use the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

### Pirate of the Caribbean

Black Sam Bellamy was an original pirate of the Caribbean. In 1984 Black Sam's ship, the *Whydah*, (0) ..... **became** ..... (become) the first pirate ship ever recovered from the sea.

According to experts, Sam was probably a democratic leader because divers

(1) ..... (find) gold ornaments on the ship which were cut into pieces so they could be shared with the crew.

Black Sam (2) ..... (leave) England and (3) ..... (sail) to America in the early 1700s. We don't know much about the life he (4) ..... (leave) behind. We do know that he was dark and handsome and that he (5) ..... (wear) his long black hair tied in a ponytail.

By 1715 Black Sam (6) ..... (already / meet) his lover, Maria Hallett, in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. While living in Cape Cod, Black Sam (7) ..... (hear) of a fleet of Spanish treasure ships which (8) ..... (sink) in the Caribbean earlier that year. He (9) ..... (decide) to look for the sunken treasure but he (10) ..... (need) a ship to do so. He (11) ..... (persuade) a friend, Palgrave Williams, to buy him one. Black Sam (12) ..... (go) looking for the lost treasure but when he (13) ..... (not find) it, he (14) ..... (turn) to piracy.

