

The fancy-dress shop

Last Tuesday, Jim sent Mary a text message about his party. It said:

Hi Marry, I'd like to invite you to my birthday party on Thursday at three o'clock. The address is 31, Lake Road. Wear fancy dress! See you on Thursday, Jim!

"Great!" thought Mary. "Parties are always fun, but a fancy-dress party is very exciting!" She went to tell her mother about Jim's text.

"It's fun to dress up," said Mary. "I haven't got any fancy-dress clothes."

"Well," her mum answered, we can go to the new fancy-dress shop in the town centre. They've got lots of exciting things to wear there."

So after lunch, Mary's mother drove her to the fancy-dress shop in Duck Street!

When Mary walked into the shop, she laughed! "There are hundreds of things that I can wear here! Look, Mum! A firefighter's jacket and a helmet, a fantastic snowman's costume, a nurse's uniform, a circus clown's trousers, a really cool panda costume! I can't choose!"

"How about this pineapple costume?" Mary's mother said. "Oh look! These kangaroo and kitten costumes are brilliant, too!"

"Erm...no." I don't want any of those."

"Then what about this doctor's coat?" Mary's mother asked.

"Erm...no." But then Mary saw a pirate's costume. She loved it.

"That's the best one! Can I try it, please?" she asked the man in the shop.

"Yes! You need a moustache and a beard for that costume, too. Here! Put them on," he said, and gave her a curly moustache and a long black beard. "There's a room at the back of the shop with a big mirror in it."

Mary carried the clothes and the beard and the moustache to the small room at the back of the shop and put on the trousers, boots, shirt, scarf and hat. Then she put on the moustache and beard. She smiled at her face in the mirror. "I love this!" she thought. "Yes. This is great. I'd like to be a pirate for one afternoon." Suddenly, Mary felt the wind in her face. She looked down at her feet. They

weren't on the floor of the small room at the back of the fancy-dress shop in Duck Street. She was on a big ship in the sea. Pirates ran up and down the ship. They all looked very busy.

"Come on!" one of the pirates shouted at her. "We want some more treasure. Quick! Climb that sail and look for ships!"

But Mary couldn't move!" Am I dreaming?" she thought.

"What's the matter?" the angry pirate said. "You aren't afraid of climbing the sails, are you?"

"Yes, I am!" Mary answered.

"Then jump into the sea with the sharks!" he shouted. "We don't want any frightened pirates on the ship!" "This is getting scary! Where am I?" Mary thought.

But then the pirate stopped shouting and looked at her carefully. "I don't know you. Where did you come from? Did you come from another pirate ship?" he asked.

"No. I came from the fancy-dress shop in Duck Street." Mary said quietly. "And I'd like to go back there now, please. I don't want to be a pirate for an afternoon."

Then a huge wave splashed her face and hair. Water dripped off the end of her nose and off her moustache and beard. Her pirate hat, shirt and scarf got very wet, too.

She looked down at her feet again, but she didn't see the ship. She saw the floor of the shop. "Mum!" she called. "Come here quickly!"

What's the matter, Mary? "How did your face and all your pirate clothes get wet?" her mother asked.

"Don't ask me, Mum. I don't know!" Mary said. "But I know I don't want to wear this pirate costume again. Please give it back to the man."

"All right. Would you like to change it for the alien costume?"

"No, Mum!" Mary said and laughed. "I don't want to go to the moon! Can I put on the kitten costume, please? Then children can come and play with me in our garden!"

Answer the questions

- 1) What did Jim send Mary?
- 2) When does Jim have a birthday party?
- 3) What kind of clothes should Mary wear?
- 4) Where did Mary go to buy her clothes?
- 5) What costume did she like the most?
- 6) Where was Mary when she wore the costume?
- 7) What costume did she refuse to wear and why?
- 8) What costume did she choose?

Read and write True(T)/ False(F)

- 1) Last Sunday, Jim sent Mary a letter.
- 2) She is going to go to the birthday party on Thursday at three o'clock.
- 3) Mary went to the shop with her mother.
- 4) Mary liked a pineapple costume.
- 5) The girl put on a pirate's costume.
- 6) Mary was on the island with monkeys.
- 7) She bought a kitten's costume.

Draw lines and make sentences

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| 1) Would you like to change it for | ship in the sea |
| 2) There's a room with | go to the moon |
| 3) There are hundreds of | a fancy dress party is very exciting. |
| 4) I don't want to | a big mirror in it. |
| 5) Parties are always fun, but | different costumes there |
| 6) She was on a big | the alien costume? |

Read and write the correct word

snowman moon wave helmet message ship moustache treasure

- 1) Pirates ran up and down the _____
- 2) A huge _____ made Mary's hair wet.
- 3) Some people have to wear a _____ on their head at work.
- 4) I don't want to go to the _____
- 5) Children can make a _____ in winter.
- 6) Mary wore a curly _____ on her face.
- 7) Pirates in stories like looking for a _____
- 8) You can send a _____ to your friends with apps or your phone or laptop.

Match the words to their meanings

beard-	a person whose job is to stop fires from burning
snowman-	to dress oneself in
shark-	a hat made of a strong material which you wear to protect your head.
put on-	a model of a person made of snow, especially by children
pineapple-	hair that grows on a man's chin and cheeks
helmet-	to decide what you want from two or more things
firefighter-	hair that a man grows above his upper lip
moustache-	a large oval fruit that grows in hot countries.
fancy dress-	a very large fish that has sharp teeth and may attack people.
choose-	a masquerade costume

Match words with pictures

shark pineapple choose helmet fancy dress beard
put on firefighter snowman moustache



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Complete the sentences with the word

snowman beard put on helmet pineapple
fancy dress firefighter choose moustache shark

1. He came to the _____ party as a spiderman.
2. My father shaved off his beard but kept his _____.
3. _____ juice is rich in vitamins A and B.
4. We can make a _____ on a snowy day.
5. _____ your shoes and socks.
6. The _____ rushed into the burning house.
7. My grandfather has a long grey _____.
8. It's very risky to ride your bike without wearing a cycle _____.
9. A _____ is a large sea fish with very sharp teeth.
10. She had to _____ between the two men in her life.

