

# Jake's First Day

Guided Reading



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Read the book 'Jake's First Day' and look at the illustrations.

Answers the questions about the book.







What do you think this book is going to be about?




Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction?



Who do you think the main character might be?





## It's the first day of school and Jake is feeling nervous.

"I don't think I want to go," said Jake. "I think I'll just stay at home today and carry on playing."

Will an exciting day with his new class change his mind? Join Jake and his new friends as he finds out that starting school can be a real adventure.



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Why is Jake feeling nervous?



What sort of 'adventure' do you think Jake goes on?

Jake was in his pyjamas, playing with his favourite toys.

"Come on, Jake," said Mum. "It's your first day and you need to get ready."

"I don't think I want to go," said Jake. "I think I'll just stay at home today and carry on playing."

His sister, Holly, laughed. "You can't stay here, Jake. You have to go to school."

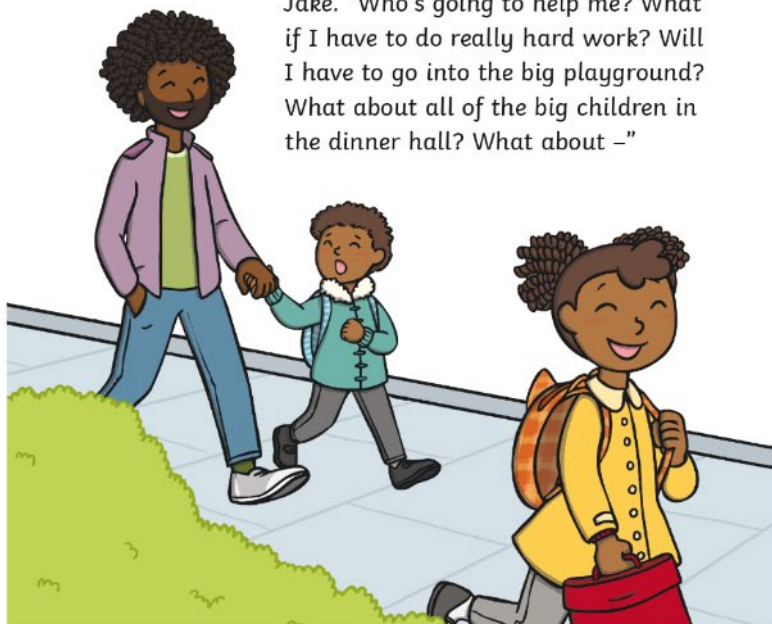


Why does Jake need to get ready?



Holly, Jake and Dad made their way to school.

"But who will I play with?" asked Jake. "Who's going to help me? What if I have to do really hard work? Will I have to go into the big playground? What about all of the big children in the dinner hall? What about –"



"Trust me," said Holly. "It's going to be a great first day."

Holly hugged Jake and went off to her new classroom, excited to be back at school.



What is Jake worried about?

Dad took Jake to his new classroom. Jake was sure he'd rather be at home in his pyjamas.

"Here we are," said Dad. "Say hello to your new teacher."

Jake frowned.



Miss Fox gave Jake a big smile. "Ah. You must be Jake, our new shipmate."

"New what?" asked Jake.

"We need another pirate like you on board," she said.  
"Welcome. I'm Captain Fox."



How is Jake feeling? How do you know?



The pirates all gathered together to listen to their captain.

"We've received a message in a bottle," said Captain Fox.  
"I need your help to read it and work out what it says."



Captain Fox and the pirates worked as a team to read the letter together.

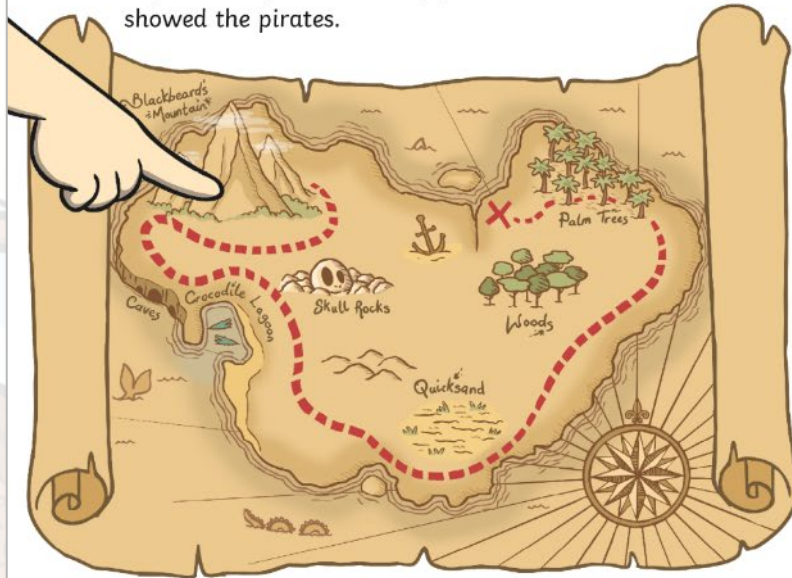


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What does Captain Fox ask the pirates to do?

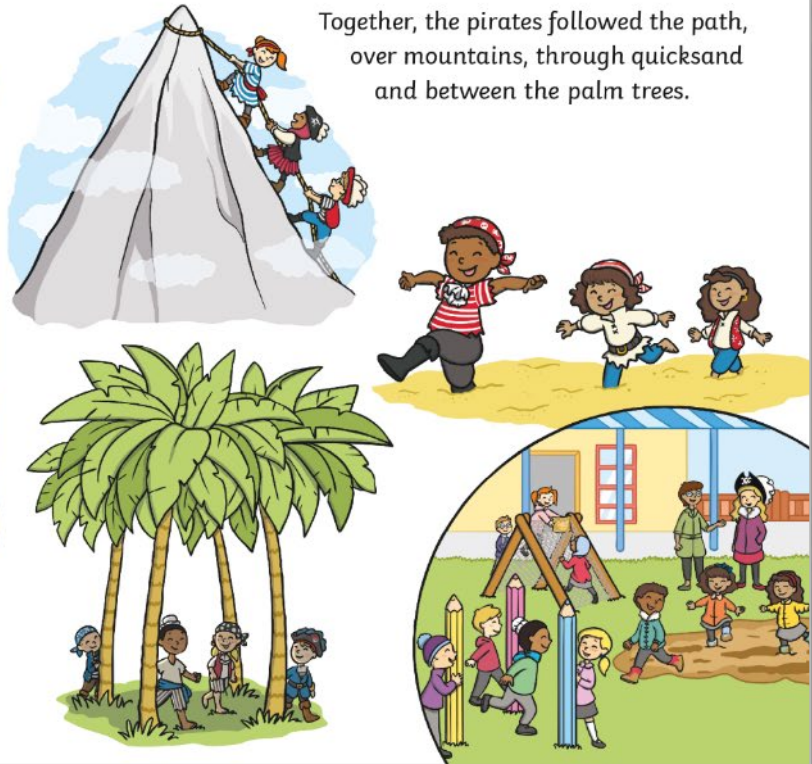


Captain Fox pulled the map from the bottle and showed the pirates.



"I think we need to go over there first," suggested Jaya.

Together, the pirates followed the path, over mountains, through quicksand and between the palm trees.



What do you think the pirates are going to find?



Finally, they found the spot marked on the map. So, they dug and dug until they found a wooden chest.



"Good work, mateys," said Captain Fox. "Let's get this loot back to the ship and then it's time for a break. I think you've earned some fish and chips!"



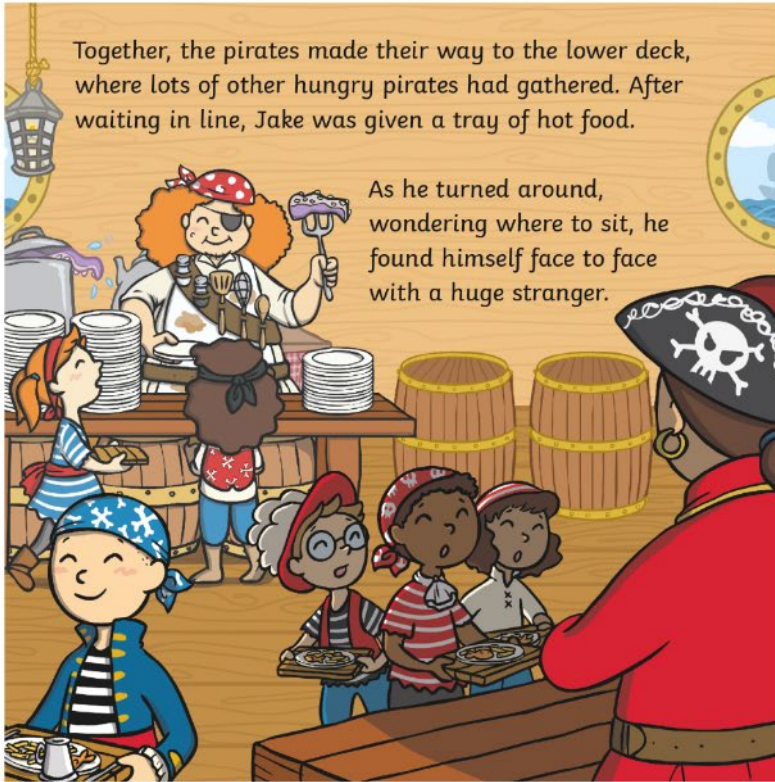
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What do you think the word 'loot' means?



Together, the pirates made their way to the lower deck, where lots of other hungry pirates had gathered. After waiting in line, Jake was given a tray of hot food.

As he turned around, wondering where to sit, he found himself face to face with a huge stranger.



"Here's your cutlery," said the enormous pirate. "Make sure you get yourself a nice drink of water too."

"Phew! I mean, thanks," said Jake.



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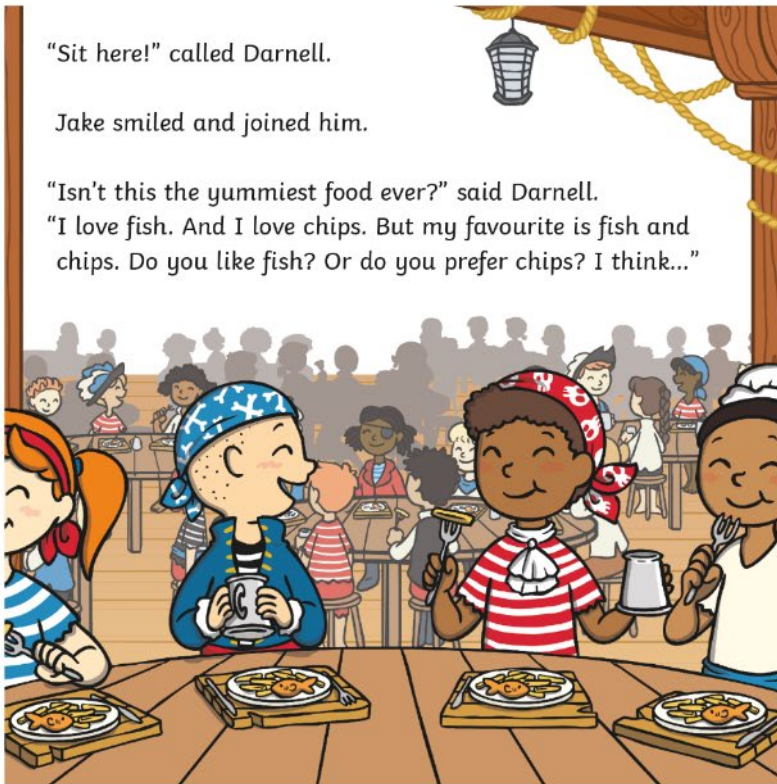
Can you think of another word that means the same as 'enormous'?



"Sit here!" called Darnell.

Jake smiled and joined him.

"Isn't this the yummiest food ever?" said Darnell.  
"I love fish. And I love chips. But my favourite is fish and chips. Do you like fish? Or do you prefer chips? I think..."



Jake chewed his food, smiling and nodding as his new friend chatted away.

Once they'd finished eating, Hani appeared.  
"I bet you can't get across the sea without being eaten by crocodiles," she said.

"I bet we can!" replied Jake and Darnell.



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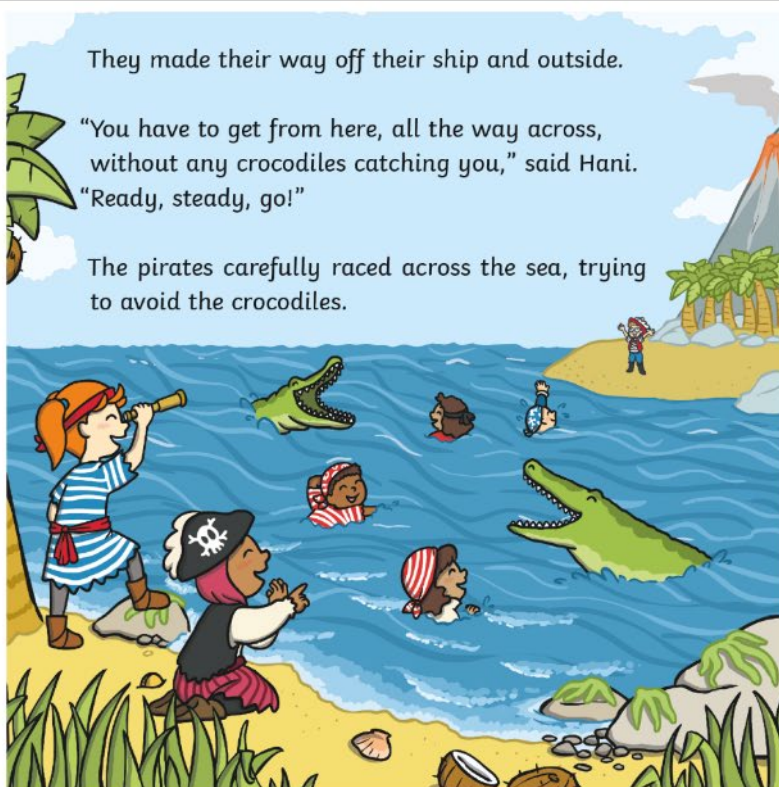
Why does Jake just smile and nod at his friend?



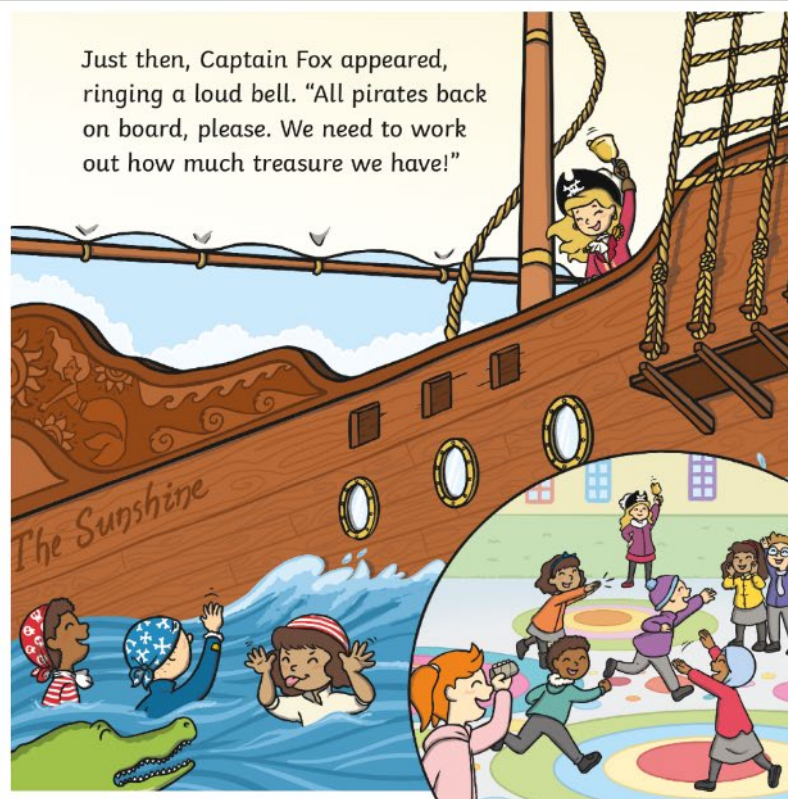
They made their way off their ship and outside.

"You have to get from here, all the way across, without any crocodiles catching you," said Hani. "Ready, steady, go!"

The pirates carefully raced across the sea, trying to avoid the crocodiles.



Just then, Captain Fox appeared, ringing a loud bell. "All pirates back on board, please. We need to work out how much treasure we have!"



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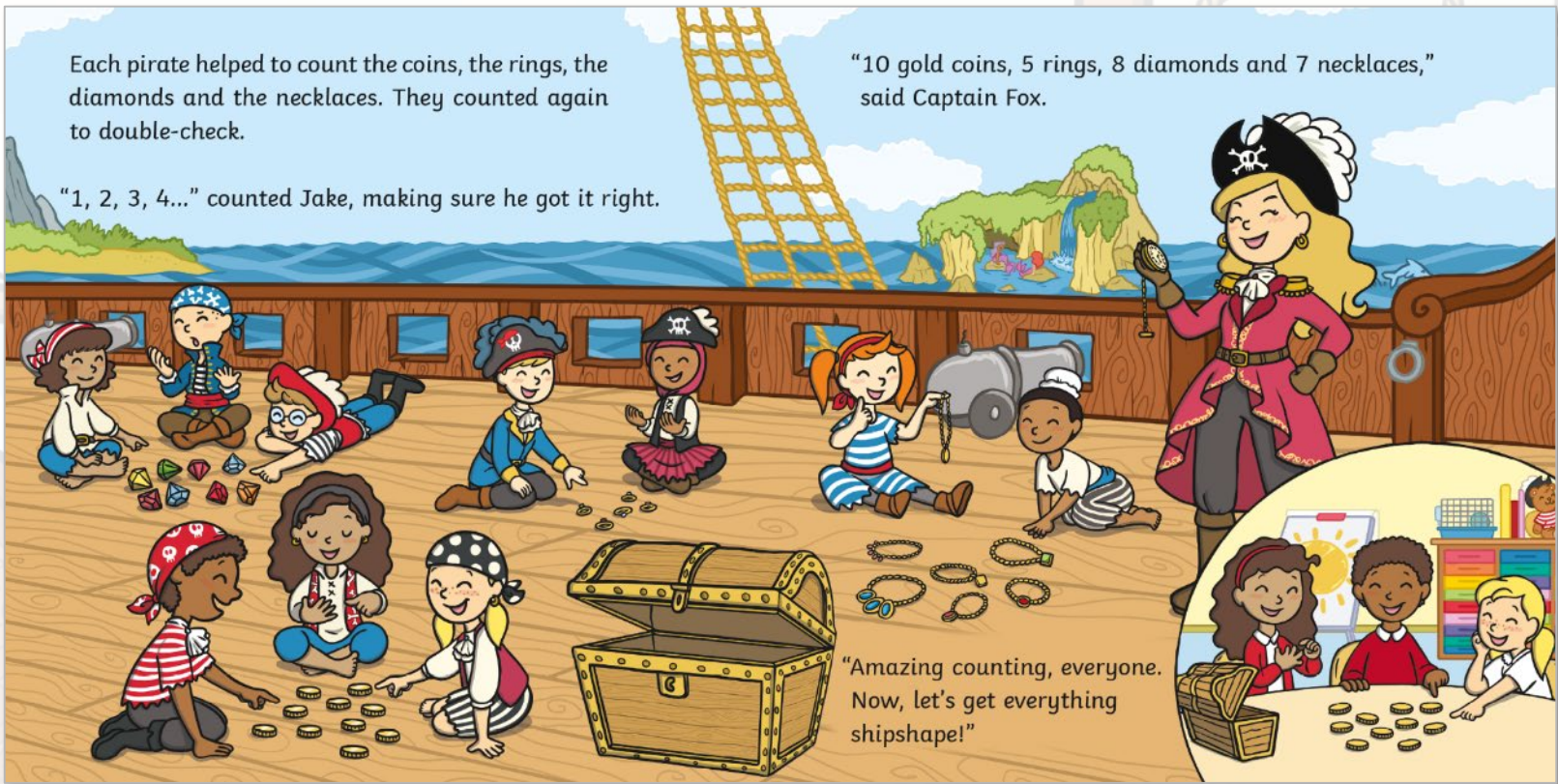
Do you think Jake is really swimming with crocodiles?



Each pirate helped to count the coins, the rings, the diamonds and the necklaces. They counted again to double-check.

"1, 2, 3, 4..." counted Jake, making sure he got it right.

"10 gold coins, 5 rings, 8 diamonds and 7 necklaces," said Captain Fox.



"Amazing counting, everyone. Now, let's get everything shipshape!"

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Captain Fox says they need to 'get everything shipshape'. What do you think she means?



Everyone tidied and swept, scrubbed and cleaned,  
making sure everything was in the right place.

Once the ship was spick and span, Captain Fox told all of  
the pirates to collect their things and prepare for land.



What jobs did the pirates have to do?



"What an amazing first day we've had!" said Miss Fox. "We've done some excellent reading, we've followed a map, we've been in the dinner hall and the big playground for the first time and we've even managed to find and count some treasure!"



Before Jake knew it, it was time to go home. Waiting at the door were Mum and Holly.



"So, how was your first day?" asked Mum.

"It was a real adventure!" said Jake. "I can't wait for my second day."



How does Jake feel now? What has made him feel better?





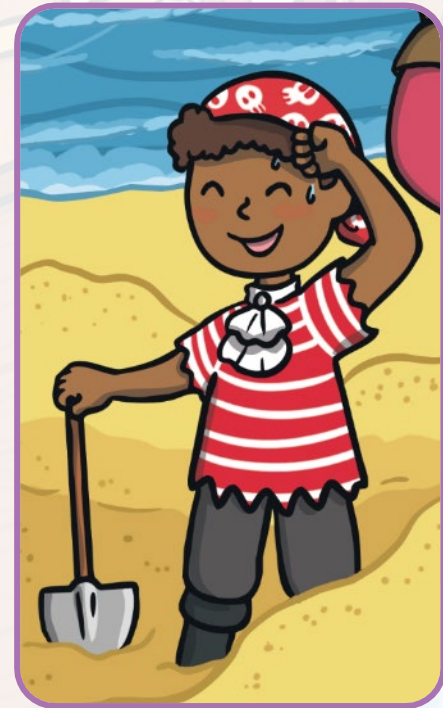
Who is the main character in this story?



Darnell



Holly



Jake

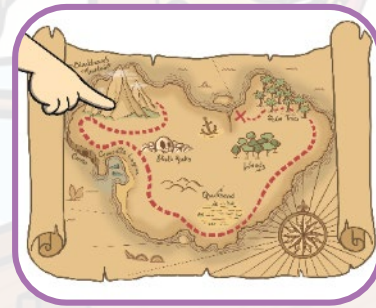




What do the pirates do first?



**Swim with crocodiles**



**Follow a map**



**Read a letter**



**Dig for treasure**





Do you think Jake and his friends were real pirates?  
What do you think was happening?







How did you feel about starting school?



Can you remember a time when you felt nervous?







Would you like  
to be a pirate  
for a day?



