

Theme 2 Who's who?

 Bosun

There were a few bosuns on each ship. Each had a special job. One was in charge of crew working the decks. Another was in charge of raising and lowering the anchor. A third was responsible for the rigging.

 Cabin boy

The cabin boy was a servant of the captain. He ran errands and took messages from the captain to other members of the crew.

 Captain

The crew chose the captain. The captain was brave and a very good fighter. He would make his men feel brave so they would fight with him to capture ships and take cargoes. The captain also knew how to sail the ship to the places the crew wanted to go.

 Cook

The cook worked in the galley making meals for the rest of the crew.

 Female pirate

A few pirate ships had a pirate woman on board. She helped to run the ship and would fight in the battles.

 First mate

The first mate was the captain's deputy. He could do all the captain's jobs and, if the captain was injured or killed, would take command of the ship and lead the crew in battle.

 Gunner

A gunner could aim a cannon on target. It took many years to learn how to fire a cannon. He would help other pirates to fire the guns when they attacked another ship.

 Powder monkey

A powder monkey was a boy of about 12 years old. He helped the pirates fire the cannons.

 Quartermaster

The quartermaster shared out the food, allocated the tasks and divided the booty. He decided how disobedient pirates would be punished.

 Sailor

A sailor did many different jobs. He would run up the rigging and trim the sails, and clean the decks.

How to recognise the crew members

The powder monkey is dressed in rags. The bosun has a hat and coat with two identical rows of buttons. The captain has a hook. The cabin boy wears a hat and coat. The quartermaster has a hat and sword. The female pirate has an axe. The gunner has a wooden leg. The first mate has a bandanna, cutlass and a coat. The cook has a bald head and a beard. The sailor wears a woolly hat and earrings.