

Verbs and Verb Phrases... With Pirates!

Directions:

1. Underline the verbs and verb phrases.
2. Circle the nouns and pronouns.

Watch For These Helping Verbs: Am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been, has, have, had, did, do, does, can, could, may, might, shall, should

1. Pirates who have been wounded in battle are highly respected.
2. These pirates may be wearing eye patches, peg legs, or hook hands.
3. Today, many pirates are operating from Somalia.
4. These pirates will ride around in little boats and steal from big boats.
5. Somalia is a very poor country where many people starve.
6. Is it wrong to steal food if you are starving?
7. Alex will be downloading *Pirates of the Caribbean* tonight.
8. Some pirates do not have boats; they have computers.
9. After having seen *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Alex wished she had not downloaded it.
10. Do you think people should be punished for downloading files illegally?
11. If I were a pirate, I would have a bird who talks.
12. The flag with the skull and crossbones is called a Jolly Roger.
13. The Jolly Roger was flown to identify a ship's crew as pirates.
14. Pirates wouldn't really make maps that show where their treasure is.
15. Often, the "treasure" that pirates stole was food, alcohol, clothing, or medicine.
16. Pirates can not help but to sing songs when they are drinking.
17. Pirates may have followed a set of rules called the "pirate's code."
18. After having been a pirate for 20 years, Captain Jonah is resting in Davy Jones locker.
19. "Davy Jones' locker" is an idiom for the bottom of the sea.
20. Aren't pirates interesting?