

Female Pirates

Many years ago, women were not allowed on ships as they were considered to bring bad luck and a stormy night of sailing. However, some women went against these rules and wanted to become pirates. Two famous female pirates were called Anne Bonny and Mary Read. These two women dressed up as men and fought as pirates fiercely and fearlessly. In November 1720, the ship that Anne and Mary were on was captured by a pirate hunter called Captain Jonathan Barnet. These two women were the only people onboard who were brave enough to fight against the enemy although, sadly, they were outnumbered and did not win the battle.



1. What was the name of the pirate hunter who captured the ship that Anne and Mary were on?

2. Why did Anne and Mary dress up as men?

3. Find and copy two adverbs to describe how Anne and Mary fought.

4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

<input type="checkbox"/>	The ship Anne and Mary was on was captured.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne and Mary dressed as men.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Women were not allowed onboard ships.

The Isle of Coll

Coll is an island just off the coast of Scotland. It is known for its beautiful, sandy beaches and it is a favourite place to holiday for people who love peace and quiet and enjoy nature. You can get to Coll by ferry once per day or by plane on Mondays and Wednesdays, but bad weather sometimes means that ferries and planes are cancelled. There are only two main roads on the Isle of Coll and they do not have street lights at night. As there are only around 195 people living on the Isle of Coll, the roads are not very busy; lots of people get around by walking or cycling and there are no buses or trains on the island.



1. On which two days can you get a plane to Coll?

2. Why might there be no buses or trains on the island?

3. If there is a storm, what might happen to the daily ferry? Why?

4. Which two adjectives does the author use to describe the beaches?



The Planet Zog

What Does It Look Like?

The planet Zog is a gigantic, brown planet that floats 400 million light years away from Earth. The planet's surface is made of chocolate and lumpy cream cheese.

Who Lives There?

The creatures that live on Zog are called zargles. They are strange, furry aliens with nine eyes, a lion's mane and a horse's tail. They also have a horn, just like a unicorn, right in the middle of their fluffy faces. What odd-looking monsters they are!

Would you like to visit the planet Zog?

1. What two things is Zog made of?

2. Which adjective has the author used to show that zargles are peculiar to look at?

3. How long do you think it would take to get to planet Zog?

4. Would you like to visit planet Zog? Why or why not?
