

# Talk Like a Pirate Listening and Movement Game

## Organisation

This game will require a large space, such as a hall or outdoor area.

## Instructions

Before the game, print the 'Talk Like a Pirate Game Display Posters'.

- Tell the children that you are the captain and they are going to be your pirates. As part of their pirate training, the children will need to learn some pirate phrases and do some pirate jobs. Each phrase they learn is accompanied with an action.
- Introduce the 'Walk the plank!' display poster first. Read the phrase to the children and explain its meaning.
- Tell the children that each time they hear the phrase 'Walk the plank!', they need to walk in a straight line, as if walking along a plank.
- Introduce the next card, 'Scrub the deck!' Explain to the children the meaning of the phrase and ask them to act it out. Remind them that each time they hear this phrase they need to act out scrubbing the deck.
- Introduce two further phrases and actions.
- Once the children are familiar with four different phrases, you can begin the play the listening and acting game.
- Ask the children to walk around the space, ensuring that they do not touch anyone else.
- Call out one of the pirate phrases and hold up the display poster. Can the children very quickly perform the correct task?
- Once the children have performed the actions, they can continue to walk around the space until the next phrase.
- When they become confident with these four actions and phrases, you may wish to challenge the children by introducing more phrases.

