

# PIRATE-SPEAK!

## CURRENCY:

Blunt- slang for money or coin  
Cob or Cob Dollars- gold doubloons  
Doubloon- silver Spanish coin  
Tin- slang for money or coin

## FRIENDS:

Bucko  
Mate  
Matey  
Me Hearties

## PUNISHMENTS:

Bite the Bullet-to stop the screaming  
Clap the Irons-confined to iron  
Manacles  
Davy Jones' Locker-a watery grave  
Flogging-a short whip with a cat-o'-nine tails attached at the end  
Gallows Dance-the dangling feet of a hanged man  
Keelhaul-tying wrists & ankles & tossing them overboard  
Kiss the Gunner's Daughter-to be bent over a ship's guns & flogged  
Kiss the Wooden Lady-to be  
Tied up w/arms 'round the mast  
Maroon-abandoning an offender on remote island  
Rope's End-a hanging  
Swearing-being forced to run around the ship until you dropped  
Walking the Plank-to walk until you drop off the plank

## TREASURE:

Boory  
Loot  
Swag  
Wracking trade- diving for  
Sunken treasure

## EXCLAMATIONS:

Blimey-to be surprised  
Bouyed up- to be uplifted  
Clear the deck-prepare for battle  
Land Ahoy-to see land  
Me thinks-I believe  
Sink me-to be surprised  
Aye or Aye, aye sir!-yes

## INSULTS:

Addled-crazy  
Bilge Rat  
Bilge-sucking- uncomplimentary  
adjective  
Dog  
Land-lubber-land lover  
Lubber-a clumsy man  
Poxy, poxed-to be diseased  
Scurvy Dog  
Shark Bait- lazy  
Swab-disrespectful term for seaman

## FOODS:

Bunny Grub-veggies  
Burgoo-a vile mash of boiled oatmeal w/salt, sugar & butter  
Cackle Fruit-eggs  
Dogsbody-sea biscuit soaked water and sugar  
Grog-Rum diluted w/water  
Grub  
Hardrack-a hard flour & water biscuit  
Loblolly-Porridge or gruel  
Poor John-salted & dried fish  
Rum-preferred drink  
Spirits-hearty beverages  
Splice the mainbrace-to have several drinks  
Tack  
Tooth Rot-sugar

## EXPRESSIONS:

"Batten down the hatches"-expecting adverse conditions	"Eye of the wind"-wind direction
"Bum-Squabbled"-to be baffled or confused	"Feeling Blue"-ship without a captain
"By and large"-for the most part	"Gone by the board"-anything lost over the side of a ship
"Cracking a bottle"-Let's open a bottle of wine or Rum	"I have the collywobbles"-afraid
"Dead as bilge water"-rotting dead	"Shiver me timbers"-surprised
"Devil to pay"-seeing no clear way out of a situation	

