

The Pirates of Oyster Bay



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Level 7 – Turquoise



Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE IS A LIST OF PHONEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5			
ay (day)	ou (out)	ie (tie)	ea (eat)
oy (boy)	ir (girl)	ue (blue)	aw (saw)
wh (when)	ph (photo)	ew (new)	oe (toe)
au (Paul)	a_e (make)	e_e (these)	i_e (like)
o_e (home)	u_e (rule)		

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes			
a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so, other)
u (but, unit)	c (cat, cent)	g (got, giant)	ow (cow, blow)
ie (tied, field)	ea (eat, bread)	er (farmer, herb)	ch (chin, school, chef)
y (yes, by, very)	ou (out, shoulder, could, you)		

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.

Phase 5 Tricky Words			
oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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It was a cold, dark day and there was a problem in Oyster Bay. It was a big problem!



Kit's crew were annoyed with her. She needed to pay them, but there was no gold left. She had spent it all on a holiday!



"Ahoy there. I'm sorry but I can't pay you today," said Kit. "How about after my holiday?"
"NO!" shouted all of the crew.



"Pay us before you go away on holiday, or we won't be here when you come back!" said Tom the cabin boy.





Kit huffed and puffed and was annoyed. There was no way out of this. She needed her crew to stay, but she had no gold!

“Okay, okay. You win,” said Kit. Now she just needed to think of a way to pay her crew. But what with?



"How can I pay my crew, Pip?" asked Kit. "I used all of the gold to pay for my holiday!"



"Oysters!" said Pip.
Pip loved to eat oysters,
and she loved to drop them
on Kit. "Ow!" said Kit.

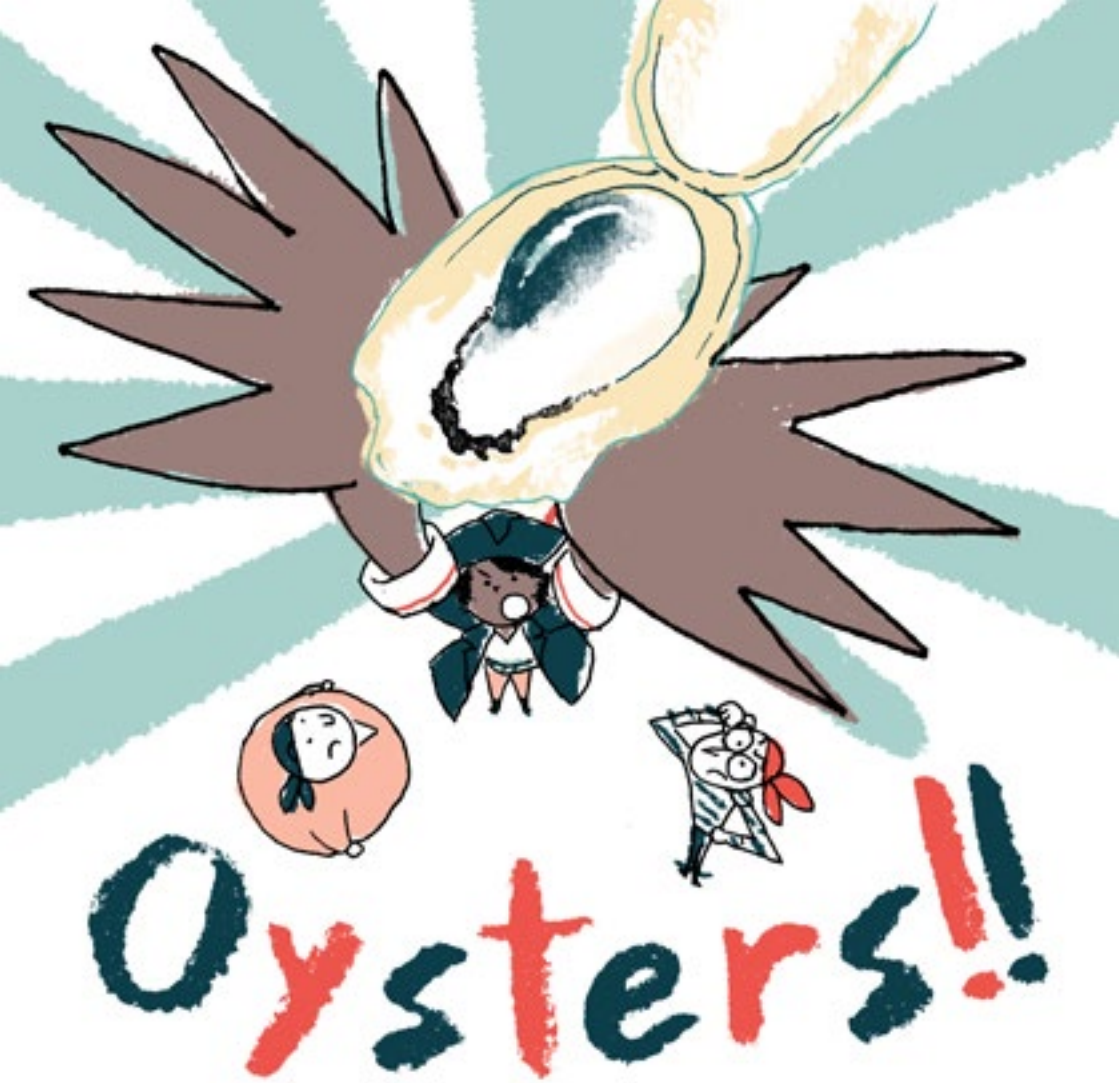


The next day, Kit had a plan. It was a clever plan that had come to her last night.



Kit had no gold, but they were in Oyster Bay.
So instead of gold, she was going to pay the
crew with...





"Oysters!" said Kit.

"Oysters?" asked the crew.

"Oysters!" said Pip.

The crew did not look pleased.

"Are they golden oysters?" asked Tom.

"They may not be golden, but you can munch on them, and hurl them, and even play with them!" said Kit.



The crew had lots of fun playing with the oysters. "So, what do you say?" asked Kit. "Can I pay you with oysters?"



“Well, they are fun to play with,” said Tom.
“And they taste good, too!” said Bob, with his
mouth full of oysters.



It looked like the problem had been fixed, and Kit was pleased. "Now I can go on holiday," she said to herself.





But just at that moment Pip appeared,
and she looked like she was up to no good.

"No, Pip!" said Kit.

"Oysters!" said Pip.

Pip picked up the bucket and took it away.
She dropped the oysters all over the ship and
across the bay.





There were oysters in the sand and oysters up the path. There were even oysters in a little boy's hair!



They were in the crow's nest, on the poop deck and in the toybox. There were oysters all over the ship but now they were all destroyed!



"Our payment!" said the crew. They were annoyed.

"What will you pay us with now that there are no oysters left?" asked Tom.



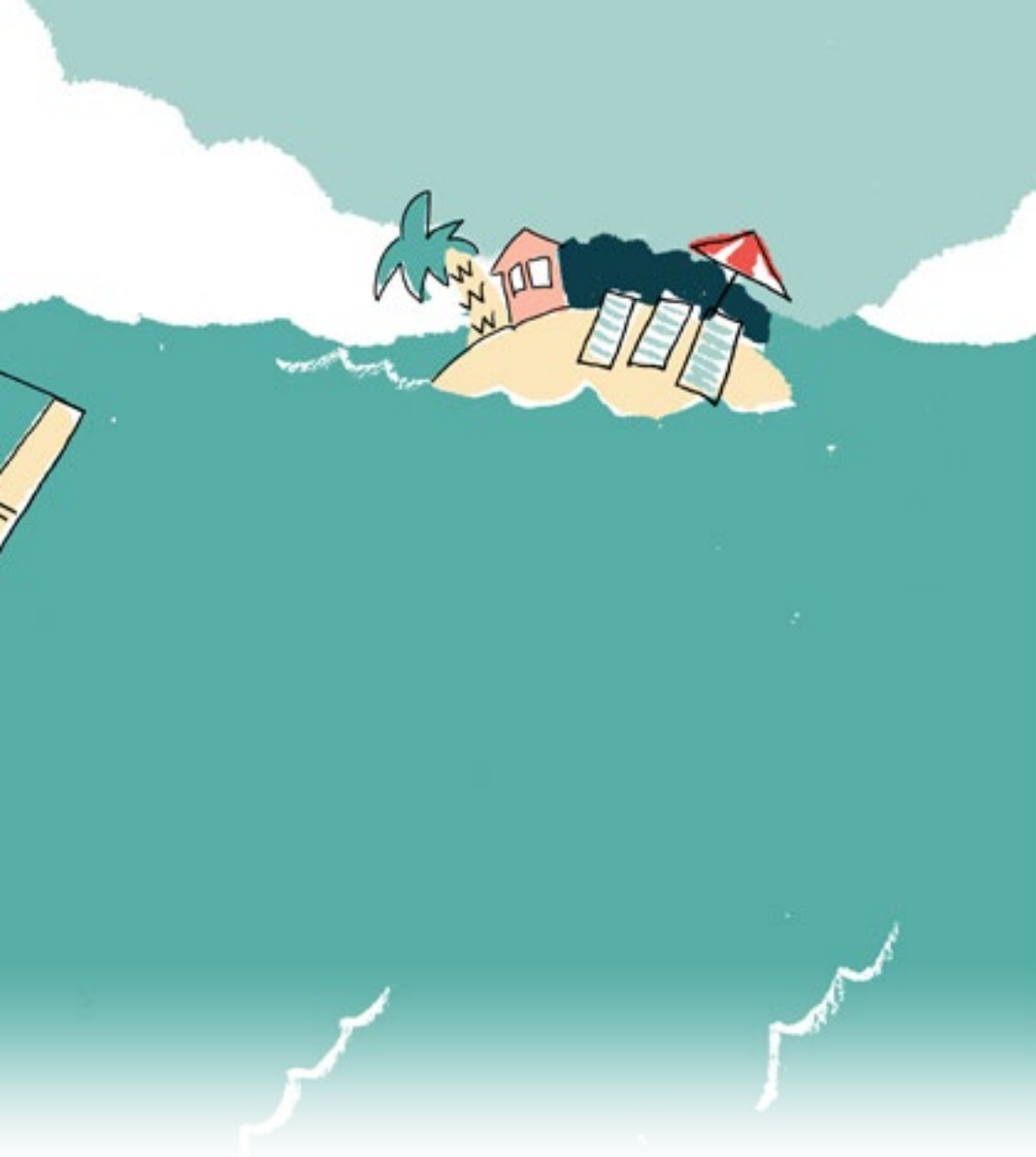
There was no gold and there were no oysters.
What was Kit going to do? This was delaying
her holiday and she wanted to go!



But then she had a plan. This plan was even better than the last one. And she could go away on holiday straight away!

"Okay crew," said Kit. "I am going to pay you all with a holiday! You can come with me! What do you say?"





"Hooray!" said the crew.

"That's even better than gold!" said Tom.

So, Kit and her crew left for a faraway land called Sparr.

Kit, Tom, Bob and the rest of the crew did lots of relaxing in Sparr. The crew all enjoyed themselves and they all felt like kings and queens.





"This has been the best holiday ever, and there is nothing that could spoil it," said Kit.

"Oysters!" said Pip.

"Oh no!" said the crew.

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1. What had Kit spent all of the gold on?
2. How do you think Kit's crew were feeling when they thought they weren't going to be paid?
3. What did Pip do with the oysters?
 - (a) Threw them all over the ship and across the bay
 - (b) Ate them all
 - (c) Gave them out to the crew
4. Where did Kit and the crew go on holiday?
5. Do you think Kit was right to spend all the gold on a holiday? What would you have done if you were Kit?

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How will Kit and her parrot Pip come up
with a way to pay the crew?

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