



Mend the Mainsail 9

The captain surveyed the scene. The mainsail was badly ripped, the rudder had snapped in two and the crow's nest was lying on the deck. But apart from that the ship wasn't too badly damaged!

"You can come out now, you scurvy cowards!" shouted the captain.

Barnaby, Stragglebeard and Egg came out of their hiding places.

"There's work to be done!" commanded the captain.

"I'll mend the mainsail," declared Barnaby.

"I'll fix the rudder and replace the crow's nest," stated Stragglebeard.

"Shall I catch the hens?" suggested Egg.

"First you can clean my coat," instructed Captain Starling. "That mangy bird has pooped all over it!"

"Who's a naughty boy?" squawked Mister P.

"Is that why it is called the poop deck?" asked Egg.

"I really must teach that lad some nautical terms," thought the captain.

And so the pirates set to work once again getting everything shipshape in order to carry on with their voyage.



Who's a naughty boy?



Rewrite the sentences below using speech marks and any other appropriate punctuation.

- 1 There's work to be done commanded the captain.

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- 2 First you can clean my doublet she declared.

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- 3 That parrot has pooped on my coat she added.

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- 4 Who's a naughty boy squawked Mister P.

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- 5 Is that why it is called the poop deck asked Egg.

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- 6 Now write some pirate speech of your own remembering to use speech marks.

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Extension

Look at the passage and find all the words that have been used instead of 'said'.