



## Spelling and Vocabulary

# Blackbeard

alongside	hazardous	skeleton
amputated	hostages	smuggled
appalling	invented	substitute
bloodthirsty	precious	terror
captain	punishment	vessel
command	ransom	victims

Find the words from the list above which complete the following sentences, and write out each word in the space provided.

1 Merchant ships in Blackbeard's day carried all sorts of \_\_\_\_\_ goods. (Clue: valuable, of great price, costly)

2 Life at sea in those days was extremely \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: dangerous, perilous)

3 One of the most \_\_\_\_\_ pirates in the Caribbean was Blackbeard. (Clue: enjoyed taking lives, had a taste for blood)

4 Blackbeard impressed the \_\_\_\_\_ of his first pirate ship with his cruelty. (Clue: person in charge, chief of the crew)

5 Blackbeard was given command of a French \_\_\_\_\_ captured in battle. (Clue: large ship or boat, something that sails the sea)

6 Blackbeard's flag depicted a \_\_\_\_\_ pointing at a heart. (Clue: the bony parts of the body, a corpse with no flesh)

7 Imagine the \_\_\_\_\_ of passengers who saw Blackbeard's flag approaching. (Clue: horror, fear, dread)

8 Flogging with a cat of nine tails was a common \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: a penalty for a misdeed, suffering inflicted as payback)

9 Biscuits were used as a \_\_\_\_\_ for bread on board ship. (Clue: replacement, in exchange for something else)

10 Blackbeard took hostages and demanded a \_\_\_\_\_ to give them back. (Clue: money paid to have someone released)