

**Arrr** exclamation : “Arrrr! I can never remember what letter comes after Q.”

**A•vast** exclamation : A command to stop or cease : “Avast! We’re about to hit a vast iceberg!”

**Aye** noun : Yes, definitely : “Aye, I have an eye patch.”

**Booty** noun : Stolen money or treasure : “Lou hid the booty—his loot—in a boot in the loo.”

**Davey Jones’ Locker** noun : A mythical place bottom of the sea where pirates go to die : “Even though it was under water, Davey Jones’ Locker still smelled like old gym socks.”

**Feed the fish** verb : to die : “The pirate forgot to feed the captain’s fish. Now he’s feeding the fish.”

**Free•boot•er** noun : a pirate or lawbreaker : “The freebooter didn’t pay for his shoes.”

**Hand•some•ly** adverb : To do something well, with great care: “The ugly pirate swabbed the deck handsomely.”

**Head** noun : The toilet on a ship : “Because too many pirates were using the head incorrectly, the captian re-named it the toilet.”

**Hearty** noun : A fellow sailor or comrade : “Although they were good guys, the captain’s hearties often gave him heartyburn.”

**Heave to** verb : To turn the ship so it makes little headway : “These waves are making me sick. Heave to before I heave, too.”

**Hogs•head** noun : A unit of measure, approx. 64 gallons : “You smell worse than a hogshead of hogs’ heads.”

**Jolly Roger** noun : A pirate flag of skull and crossbones : “The sight of the Jolly Roger made Roger upset.”

**Land•lub•ber** noun : Someone who is not comfortable at sea : “Despite weeks on the ship, the landlubber never quite became a sealubber.”

**Old Salt** noun : An experienced sailor : “The old salt passed the pepper.”

**Pieces of eight** noun : Spanish silver coins : “On the fourth, at five o’clock, six pirates found seven pieces of eight.”

**Poop deck** noun : The top deck at the back of a ship : “The poop deck was, ironically, the cleanest part of the ship.”

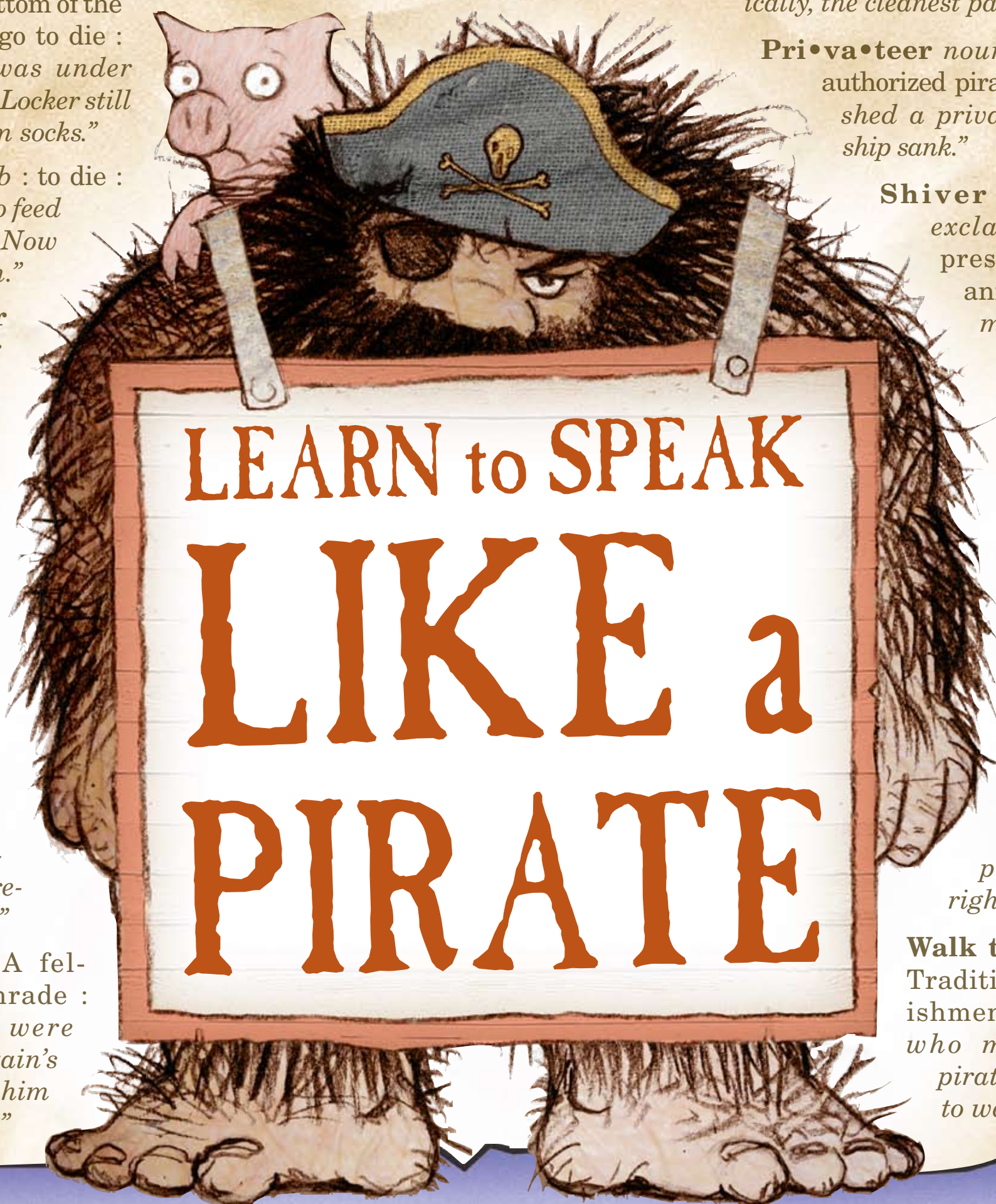
**Pri•va•teer** noun : A government-authorized pirate : “The privateer shed a private tear when his ship sank.”

**Shiver me timbers!** exclamation : An expression of shock or annoyance : “Shiver me timbers, this wood is cold!”

**Smart•ly** adverb : To do something quickly : “The stupid pirate swabbed the deck smartly.”

**Starboard** noun : Theright side of a ship : “The sailor stood on the starboard side and drank his port, which was right where he left it.”

**Walk the plank** verb : Traditional pirate punishment : “The author who made the lousy pirateposterwasforced to walk the plank.”



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