



A Pirate in my Paddling Pool **Answers**

Q1: Which of these did the pirate have? Tick **three**.

- ☒ **a wooden leg**
- ☒ **an eye patch**
- ☐ a captain's hat
- ☒ **a parrot**

Q2: What was next to the paddling pool in the garden?

Accept the answers 'sandbox' and 'slide' only.

Q3: Why did Mum think that she must have misheard what Clare had said?

Accept answers which discuss that Mum thought that she must have misheard because it was such an unusual thing to say that she was not expecting Clare to have said it, e.g.

- **Mum thought she must have misheard because she was not expecting to hear those words from Clare.**
- **It is not a normal or common thing to happen so Mum did not expect to hear it.**

Q4: Which of these statements are true? Tick two.

- ☒ **Clare tried to use a pirate voice.**
- ☐ Mum told the pirate to leave.
- ☐ Clare gave the pirate a map.
- ☐ There was a dog in the paddling pool.
- ☒ **The pirate did not understand Mum.**

Q5: *'The pirate tilted his head and a look of confusion spread across his face.'*

Why do you think that the pirate was confused?

Accept answers which discuss that the pirate was not used to hearing people speak normally, rather than in a pirate dialect, and so he did not understand what they were saying, e.g.

- **The pirate was confused because Mum was speaking normally and he didn't understand what she was saying.**

Q6: "Erm... hello there, sir... are you okay? How may we help you?" said Mum nervously.

Why did the author say that Mum spoke 'nervously'?

Accept answers that discuss that the author wanted to show that mum was worried about speaking to the unusual man, e.g. The author used the word 'nervously' to show that mum was worried.

Q7: Why do you think that Clare 'liked the sound of what she heard'?

Accept answers which infer that Clare wanted some of the treasure, such as:

- **Clare liked the sound of it because she wanted some of the pirate's treasure.**
- **She knew there was treasure nearby and she wanted to find it.**

Q8: What do you think Mum, Clare and the pirate will do next?

Accept any viable and reasonable prediction based on the story given, particularly pertaining to working together to find the treasure, e.g. Mum, Clare and the pirate all go treasure hunting together and share the gold.

Q9: Put the following statements in the order that they appear in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

- ⑤ The pirate tells them that X marks the spot.
- ⑥ Clare smiled sweetly at Mum with a twinkle in her eye.
- ② Mum and Clare found the pirate sat in the paddling pool.
- ① Clare ran into the kitchen to tell Mum about the pirate.
- ④ Clare spoke in her best pirate voice.
- ③ The pirate grinned and showed his missing teeth.