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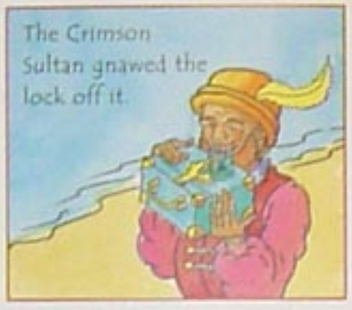
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The Story So Far...

It started with a rumour that there was treasure hidden on Gull Island. Pirates came from far and wide to hunt for the gold until the island was overrun with desperate plunderers. Then five lazy captains decided to give themselves a day off, which they spent at the beach building sandcastles...













On one of these pieces of paper was this map of the island. On the other piece of paper there was just one number and one letter. These represent the secret co-ordinates of the hidden treasure!

The five captains couldn't decide who should keep the two pieces of paper, so they agreed to memorise the map and co-ordinate, and bury them again. Then the race to find the treasure began!

But the island was big and there were spies all around. The captains needed help and the race became a relay. They each told the secret to their first mate, who set off to whisper it to another crew member. But only one crew managed to pass the message along the chain correctly...

Which team found the treasure? This is what you must find out! First, you'll need to know about maps and co-ordinates. Then turn the page and start the game...

Maps and Co-ordinates



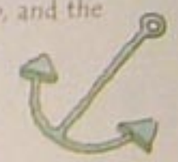
The map appears in every picture to help you find your way around the island. To use it properly, you must know what a co-ordinate is.

The map is divided into squares by a grid. The grid is labelled with letters along the top and bottom, and numbers down the sides. A co-ordinate is the place on the map where a letter and number meet. For example, the shipwreck is at K7.



Sometimes you will need to look at the map to find where you are and where to go next. Every picture has a grid around it so you can tell where you are on the map, and the map will have a thick red line around the area you have reached. For example, see I-L:7-8 above.





Blunderbuss Bay



Where is Harry Hornpipe's hook?
Harry tells his crew to look for it.
Find him giving orders to his first mate,
then follow the chain of pirates around the
island until you discover where the hook has
been taken.