

# Maritime Vocabulary Worksheet

## *The language of the sea*

The three-man boarding-party from the Dei Gratia described "the whole ship as a thoroughly wet mess".

The British authorities in Gibraltar held an official enquiry into the Mary Celeste. This lasted several months and story attracted newspaper interest across the world.

There were many rumours about why the ship was ----- . Piracy, kidnap and mutiny were popular ----- . A ----- is when the crew of a ship refuse to follow the captain's orders.

### Quick Check: True or false?

1. Four men boarded *Mary Celeste* from Dei Gratian.
2. There was no evidence of recently eaten meals.
3. The *Mary Celeste* returned to New York.
4. There were many theories about the *Mary Celeste*.
5. A mutiny is when pirates board the ship.

*Find words or phrases to match the meanings below*

### New vocabulary (1): piracy (n), board (v), kidnap (v)

6. group of people that go onto the ship *para 1*
7. untidy, disorganised
8. investigation
9. when crew remove captain from command of ship
10. official instructions

**Piracy** is still a major problem in the sea off the coast of Somalia. Armed pirates **board** ships and rob the passengers and crew. There have also been frequent **kidnapping**.

*Write sentences using the words in bold. Use two forms of each word e.g. piracy/pirate.*

### New vocabulary (2) Place Names

*This map shows the route of the Mary Celeste and where she was found. Some place names are in Spanish.*



### Write the English names of

- a) **five countries** on the map
- b) **the two largest cities in each country**
- c) **two seas** or **oceans**
- d) countries where they speak this languages

**Portuguese, French, Italian, Spanish**