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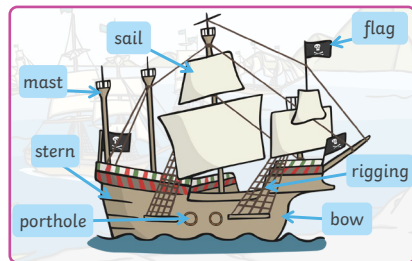
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Read Together Quick Questions



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2. **They catch the wind and help to propel a boat or ship along.**

What does 'propel along' mean?



3. What is the first fact in this text?



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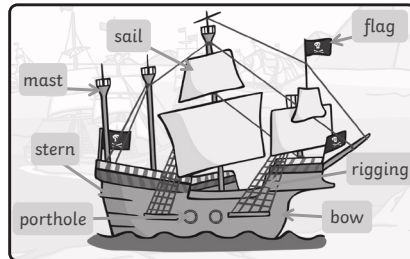
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Answers



1. What was on the flag of a pirate ship?
A skull and crossbones were on the flag of a pirate ship.



2. **They catch the wind and help to propel a boat or ship along.**
What does 'propel along' mean?
Propel along means to move it or push it along.



3. What is the first fact in this text?
The first fact in this text is that pirate ships were made of wood.



4. What else would you like to know about pirate ships? Write a question.
Pupils' own responses, such as: Where did pirates sleep on a pirate ship?