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Pirate attack!

Imagine you are a sailor living about 300 years ago. You have been at sea for many weeks and you have not seen another ship in all that time. Suddenly, a sail appears on the horizon. Does it belong to a friend or an enemy? As the ship gets nearer, you realize it is full of pirates who are getting ready to steal your things!

