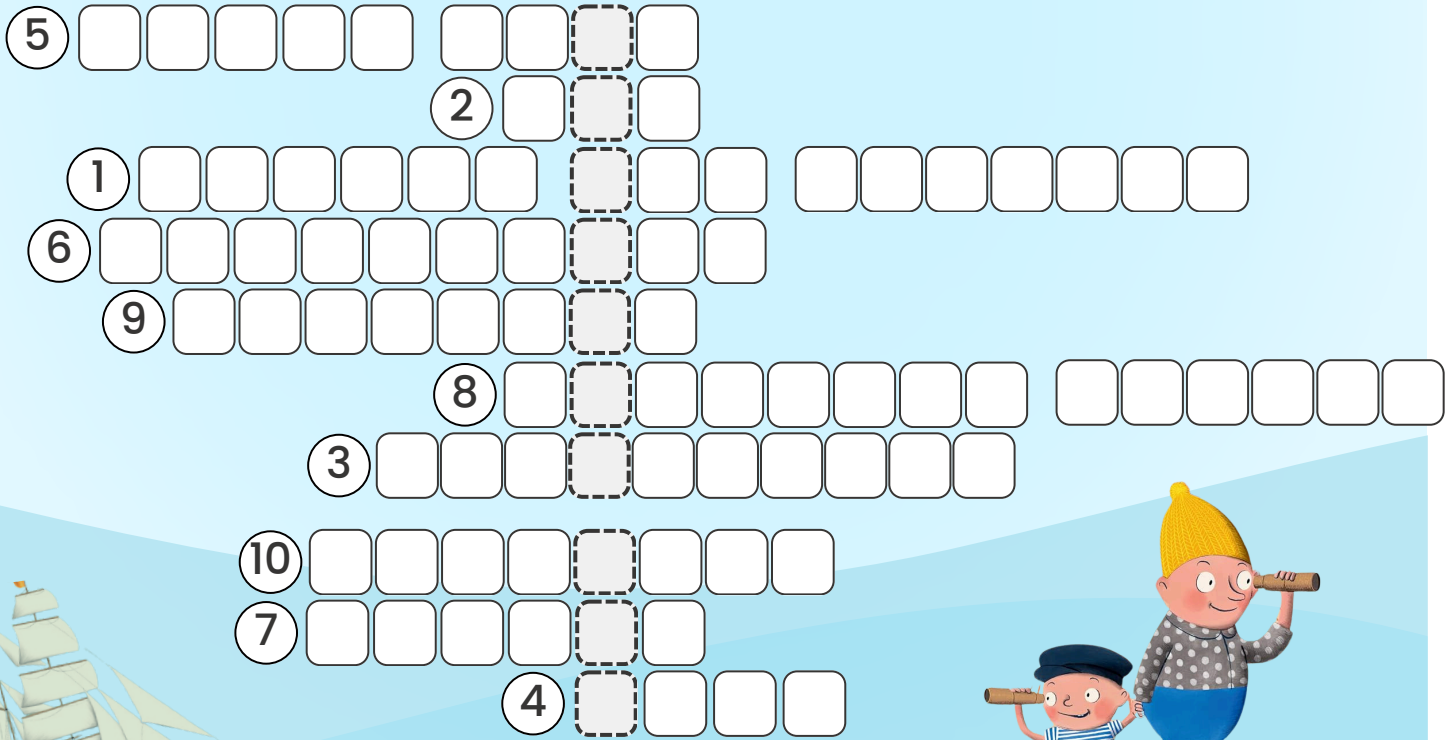


AHOY! Decode the Secret Message

Each clue below describes a word from the book *AHOY!* by Sophie Blackall. Decide which word each clue describes, then write that word in the line of the puzzle with the same number. When you've completed the puzzle correctly you can decode the secret message to answer to the riddle!



What do you give a ship to help it feel better?

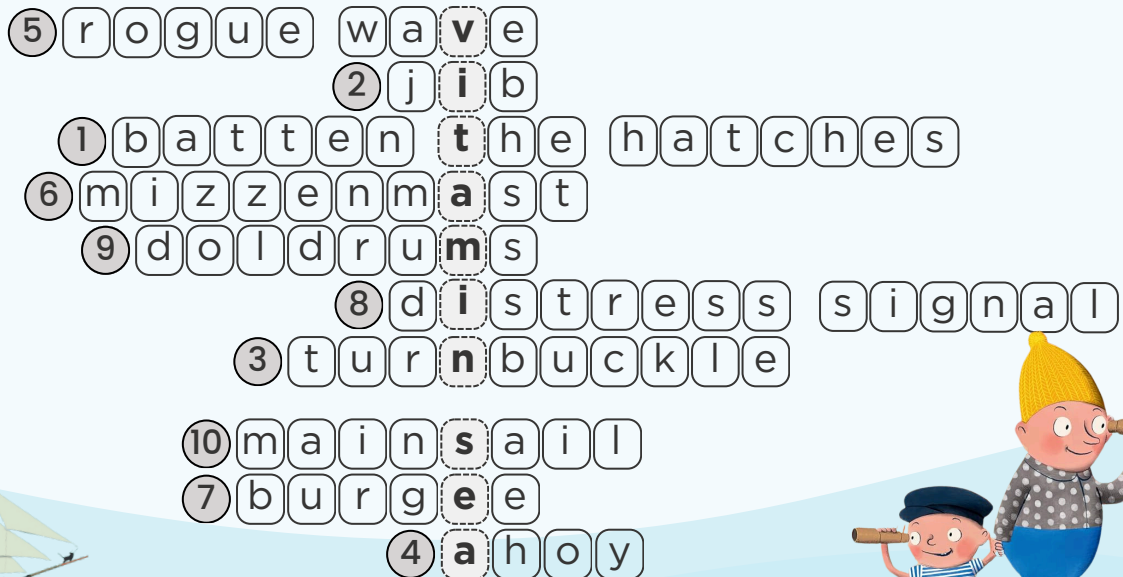
AHOY! CLUES AHEAD!

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| ① Prepare for a storm by closing doors and portholes | ⑥ a shorter mast behind the main mast |
| ② a triangular sail at the front of a ship | ⑦ the flag used to identify a ship |
| ③ a connecting screw used to keep ropes taut | ⑧ a signal sent from a ship in trouble |
| ④ a shout used as a greeting or to call attention | ⑨ an often windless area near the equator where sailing ships can get stuck; also an exasperating period of time when nothing happens. |
| ⑤ an enormous, unpredictable wave | ⑩ the lowest and largest sail on the main mast |

AHOY! Decode the Secret Message Answer Key

Note for Educators:

All words are taken from the book *AHOY!* by Sophie Blackall. They are featured in the glossary at the beginning of the book and throughout the story.



What do you give a ship to help it feel better?

Vitamin Sea

AHOY! CLUES AHEAD!

- 1 Prepare for a storm by closing doors and portholes! **batten the hatches**
- 2 a triangular sail at the front of a ship **jib**
- 3 a connecting screw used to keep ropes taut **turnbuckle**
- 4 a shout used as a greeting or to call attention **Ahoy!**
- 5 an enormous, unpredictable wave **rogue wave**
- 6 a shorter mast behind the main mast **mizzenmast**
- 7 the flag used to identify a ship **burgee**
- 8 a signal sent from a ship in trouble **distress signal**
an often windless area near the equator where sailing ships can get stuck; also an exasperating period of time when nothing happens. **doldrums**
- 10 the lowest and largest sail on the main mast **mainsail**