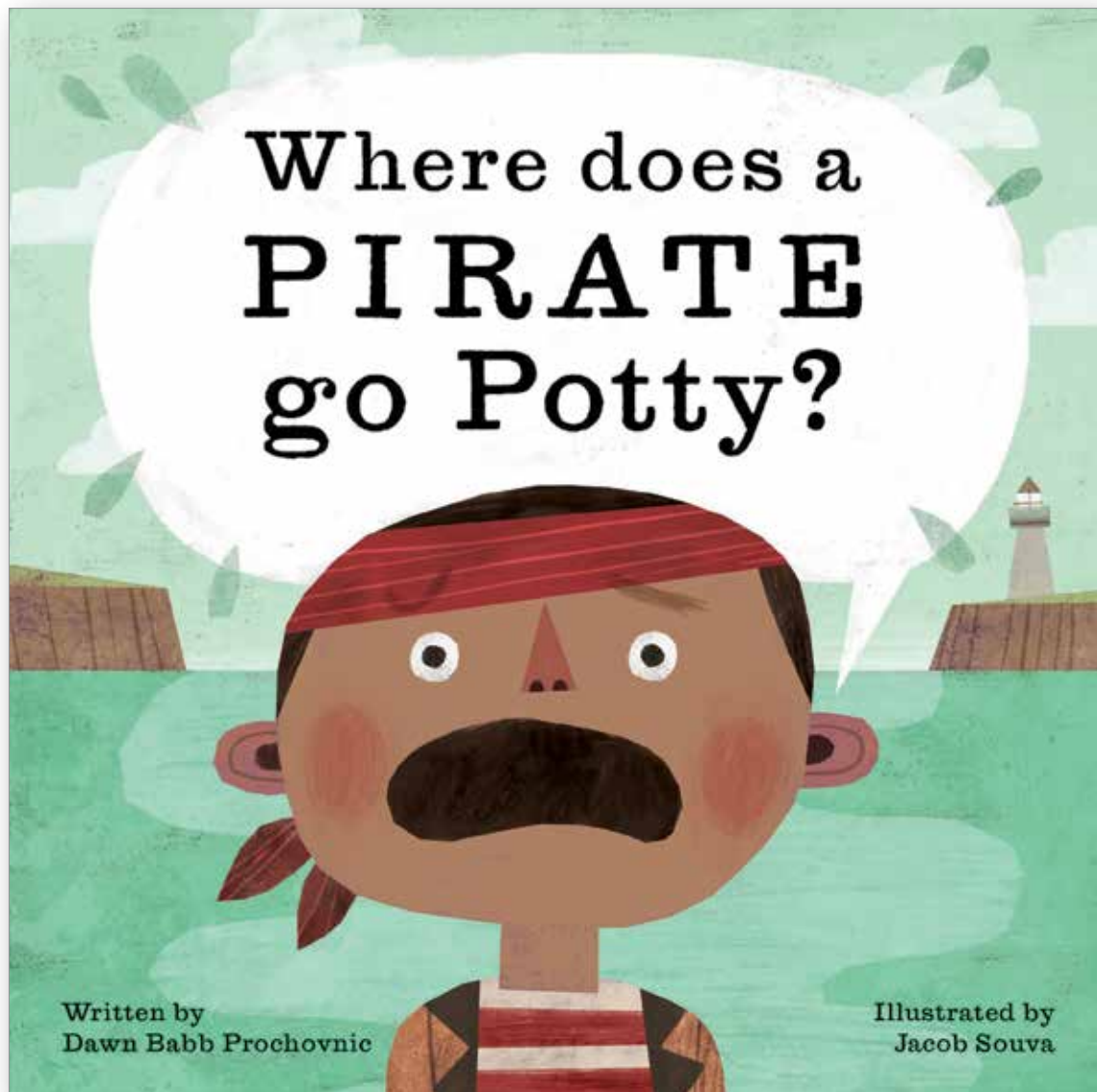


BOOK GUIDE FOR
***Where Does a
Pirate Go Potty?***

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Fry Readability: 2

Lexile Measure: 490L

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SUMMARY

"Ahoy thar, matey! Where does a pirate go potty around here?" This little pirate's got to go! He wanders around sandy beaches and dark caves, discovering where the sea lion, the pelican, and even the octopus go potty. But where in the seven seas can a pirate go potty?!

This book is a companion to *Where Does a Cowgirl Go Potty?*

Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NztAF8BV9Ck>

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About the Author

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About the Illustrator

Jacob Souva is a designer and an illustrator of children's books, including *Where Does a Cowgirl Go Potty?*, *Where Does a Pirate Go Potty?*, and *Pedro's Pan*. He finds inspiration in texture and pattern, and loves incorporating his process into his artwork. Visit him at twofishillustration.com.

Pre-Reading Discussion Questions

- Look at the expression on the pirate's face on the front cover. What descriptive words could you use to describe the pirate's emotions?
- Turn the book over to look at the back cover. Can you identify all the animals?
- Based on the title and the illustrations on the front and back covers, do you predict this will be a serious story or a humorous story? What clues did you use to make your prediction?



Post-Reading Discussion Questions

- The main character in this story has a distinct voice. What are some words or phrases that he uses in this story that offer clues that he is a pirate?
- Some of the words used in the story are incorrectly spelled because they are slang or pirate-speak. Can you find at least five words that are misspelled?
- Create your own pirate glossary of terms! You can find a variety of pirate glossaries here: <https://www.pinterest.com/dawnprochovnic/where-does-a-pirate-go-potty-childrens-book-by-daw/pirate-lingo-slang-vocabulary-words-jargon-glossar/>
- The pirate uses several different exclamations throughout the story. How many exclamations can you find? What is your favorite exclamation in the story?
- There are a variety of different settings the pirate visits during the story. How many different settings can you name?
- This story is humorous fiction, but it incorporates some nonfiction facts. What are some examples of factual information that is incorporated into this story? (Hint: think about animal habitat and the settings.)

- The illustrator uses colors and texture to provide visual clues about what is going to happen next in the story. For example, the artwork incorporated into the razor clam’s speech bubble matches the color and texture of the dark cave that appears on the next page. This technique is called **foreshadowing**. Can you give another example of how foreshadowing was used in the illustrations in this story? What predictions were you able to make because of this foreshadowing?
- Look again at the animals on the back cover. Are there any that you couldn’t identify earlier that you can identify now?
- Have you ever experienced a situation when you needed to use the potty, but you had to wait for the right time or place? What descriptive words could you use to describe your feelings or emotions in this situation?

Foreshadowing means to predict something or to hint to something that happens later.

Science

- Make a list of each of the animals that appear in the story. Based on the clues provided by the words and/or illustrations, make a **hypothesis** about the habitat of each animal featured in the story.
- The story incorporates several animals that can be found in coastal areas in the western United States. Choose one of the animals and research three facts about that particular animal’s habitat. Share the facts you learned with a partner.
- *Bonus!* Compare the facts you discovered during your research to the hypothesis you made. Did the facts you discovered support your hypothesis?

A **hypothesis** is an idea or explanation you make and then test through experimentation.

Math

- Count the total number of characters in the story. How many are animals? How many are human? (Hint: The page spread near the end where the pirate finds “the perfect spot” shows all but two of the characters.)
- How many small fish can you find in the story?
- How many times does the pirate try to go potty before he finally discovers the right spot?



Activities

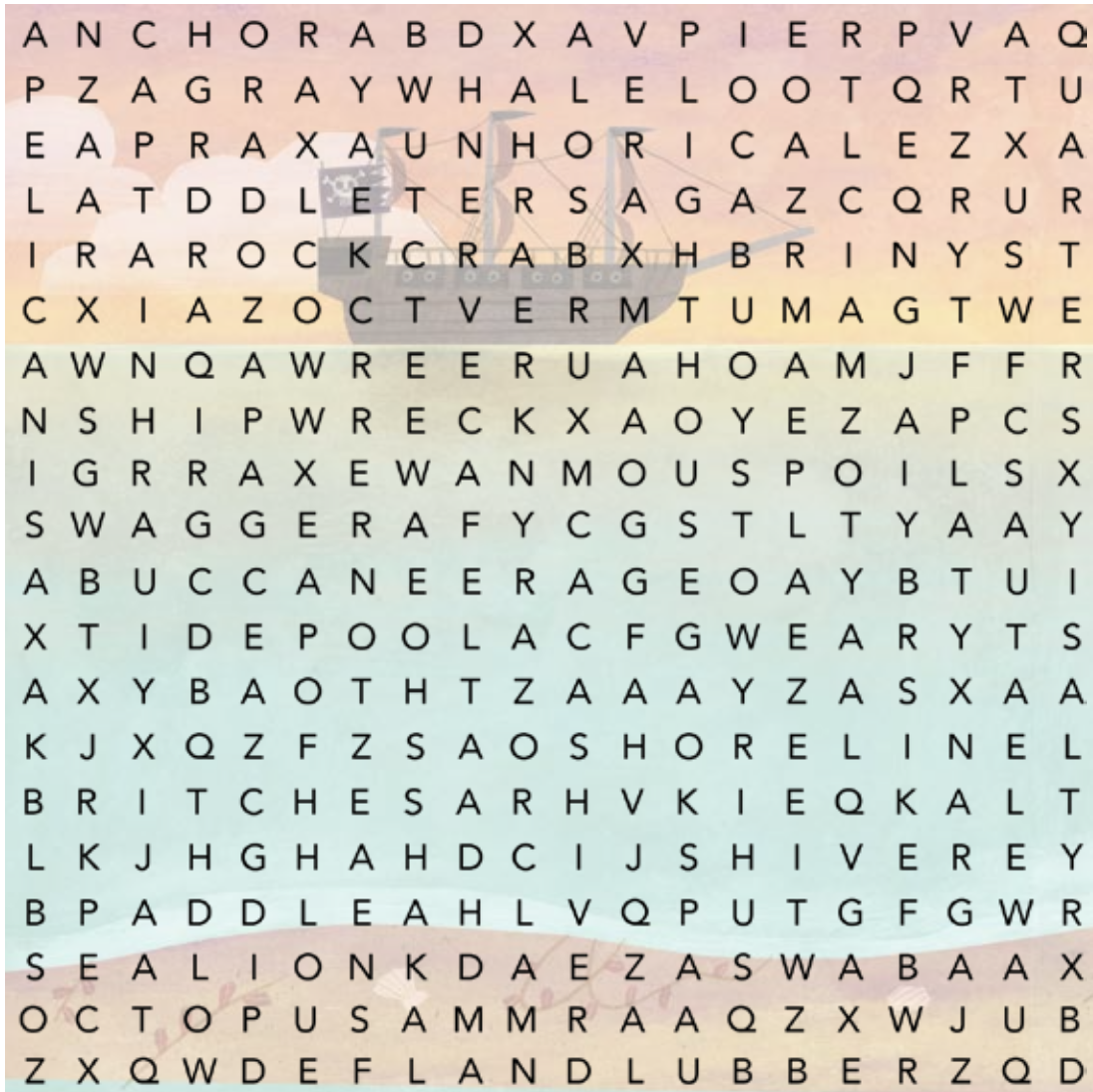
Share your experience! Think about a time you needed to use the potty, but you had to wait for the right time or place. Write about how you felt and what happened, and share your story with a partner.

Make a comic! Choose your favorite animals and figure out what sounds they make. Draw and write a story of the animals, incorporating speech bubbles. Read your story to a partner.

Write a new story! Choose another character from the book who is not the pirate. Write a new story with that character as the main character. Read your story to a partner.

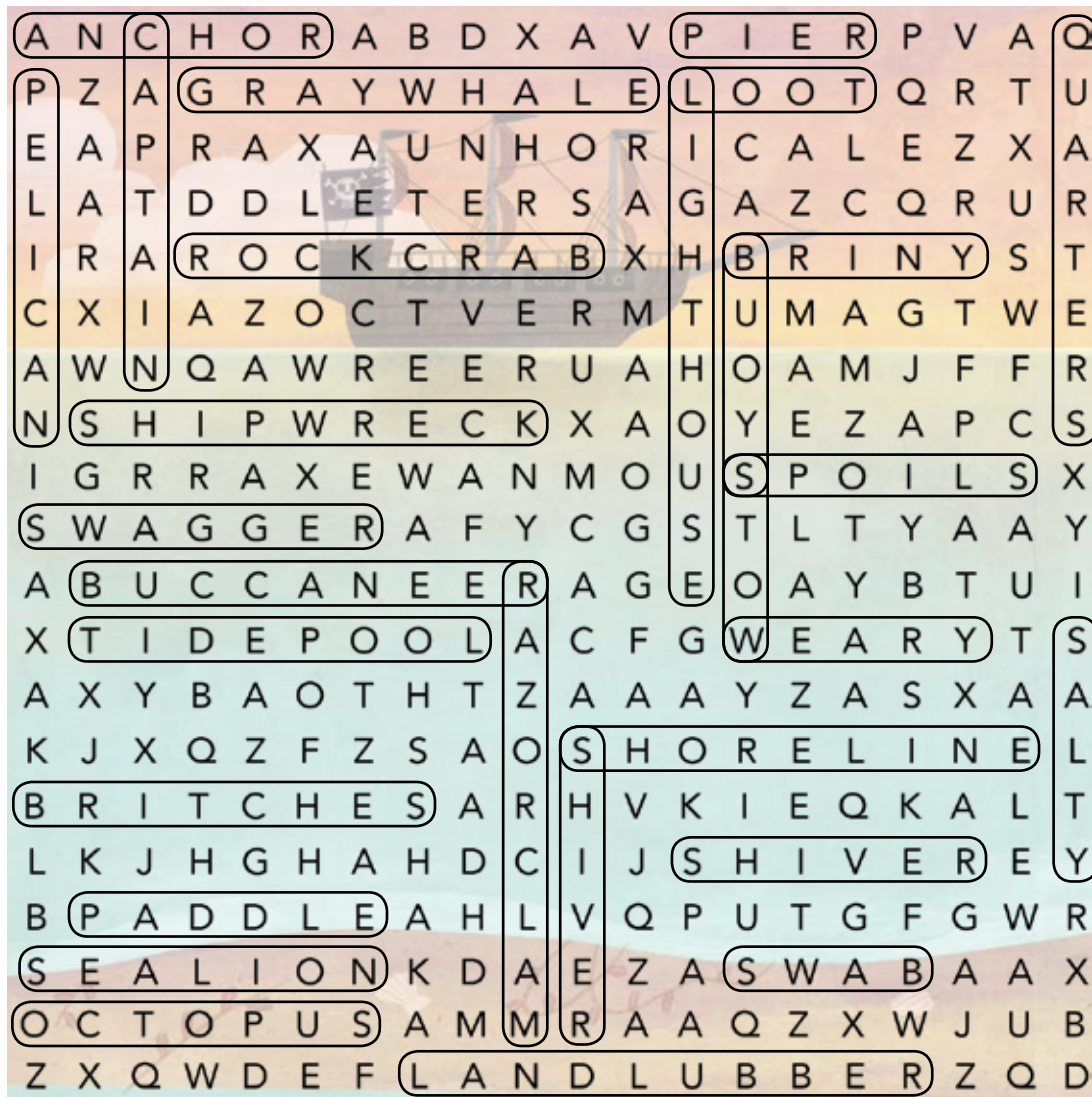


Word Search



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| Buoy | Gray Whale | Paddle | Rock Crab | Shoreline | Tide Pool |
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Word Search Answer Key



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Perform a Skit or Readers' Theatre

This book is perfect not just to read out loud, but also to act out!

Follow these steps to put on a great show.

1. Assign roles for the following characters:
 - Pirate
 - Sea Otter
 - Razor Clam
 - Sea Lion
 - Rock Crab
 - Pelican
 - Octopus
 - Gray Whale
 - Deck Hands
 - Chorus
2. Print a copy of the script provided below for each performer.
(Consider laminating the scripts so they will last longer).
3. Practice reading through the script several times until each character's lines flow smoothly.
4. Arrange for costumes, if desired (not required).
5. Invite an audience of parents and/or other students.
6. Deliver your very best performance to your audience.
7. Take a bow!

If you choose to record your performance, share it on social media and tag @westmarginpress, @dawnprochovnic, and @twofish/@jacobsouva.

Author Dawn Prochovnic will occasionally select student performers to recognize with a brief Skype author visit.

Script for Skit/Readers' Theatre, Page 1

Pirate: Ahoy thar, matey! Where does a pirate go potty around here?

Sea Otter: You can bury your treasure anywhere on that sandy shoreline, landlubber.

Pirate: Thanks! I'll drop anchor here and start a-diggin'.

Chorus: Squirrrrt!

Razor Clam: This is where a razor clam goes potty!

Pirate: Sorry, pal. I'm lookin' fer a place a pirate can go potty.

Razor Clam: You can leave yer loot in that deep, dark cave.

Pirate: Good thinkin'. I'll get to it smartly.
He weren't a-kiddin' about the deep darkness.

Chorus: Oark! Oark! Oark!

Sea Lion: This is where a sea lion goes potty!

Cowgirl: No need to be salty. Where in doubloons do you want me to go?

Sea Lion: You can stow your spoils in that tide pool, buccaneer.

Pirate: I'll swagger that way.
Arrr! This better be the right place.

Chorus: Snaap!



Script for Skit/Readers' Theatre, Page 2

Rock Crab: This is where a rock crab goes potty! And you can't be peein' in my pool!

Pirate: Son of a sea biscuit! Where can a pirate lighten a load?

Rock Crab: The fishing pier is the place for scallywags. Move it along.

Pirate: Blimey! Me sea legs are gettin' weary.

Chorus: Splaaat!

Pelican: This is where a pelican goes potty!

Pirate: Swab the deck! Where can a blusterin' pirate go potty?

Pelican: Follow this map to the shipwreck. X marks the spot.

Pirate: Gangway, me laddies!
Bottoms up!

Chorus: Schloop!

Octopus: This is where an octopus goes potty!

Pirate: Shiver me timbers! Where does a pirate go potty?

Octopus: Paddle out past the lighthouse to the bubbly blue sea.

Pirate: Heave-ho, I gotta go!



Script for Skit/Readers' Theatre, Page 3

Chorus: Whooooosh!

Pirate: Thar she blows!

Gray Whale: This is where a gray whale goes potty!
The place you're lookin' for is beyond that buoy.

Pirate: Batten down the hatches! If I don't find a potty soon, I'll be blastin' my britches!
Avast, me hearties! I've found the perfect spot!

Deck Hands: Not in the Captain's Quarters?!

Pirate: Yo-ho-ho! Now THIS is where a Pirate goes potty! Yarr!



Resources

Although *Where Does a Pirate Go Potty?* is a humorous story, it can be tied to the study of more serious, science-related topics and provide an opportunity to raise awareness about serious issues, such as the importance of water sanitation. The story can also be linked to a variety of pirate-themed activities and explorations. Here are some related resources to support reader interest:

Cool science: Link to a YouTube video playlist featuring fascinating stories about toilets, animal poop, and related topics:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs4Np20HjD4GwpcTDEunxpP1puOfv4IsE>

Gross science: Link to a YouTube video playlist featuring different animals species going potty in their natural habitat:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs4Np20HjD4EBRffKs7sGz8_qYJnJyAzz

Animal science: Link to a YouTube video playlist featuring some of the species of animals included in this story:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs4Np20HjD4GD5P31Q4HItNeUTb1mF1bR>

World Toilet Day is November 19 each year. The purpose of this observance is to raise awareness about the importance of water sanitation. Water1st International is an organization that supports sustainable clean water projects and toilets for the world's poorest communities. Visit their website for curriculum guides related to this topic:

<https://water1st.org/>

International Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19 each year. Find related resources here:

<https://www.pinterest.com/dawnprochovnic/where-does-a-pirate-go-potty-childrens-book-by-daw/pirate-lingo-slang-vocabulary-words-jargon-glossar/>

Find a variety of pirate-y activity ideas here:

<https://www.dawnprochovnic.com/2019/04/start-to-finish-story-time-expanded.html>