The Search for the Atlantean Treasure

Scene 1: Seaside Inn – Back Room

[The scene is set in a dark room with a wooden table in the middle, lit by a candle. Captain Fairfurrow and his first mate Johnson sit facing each other; a map is spread across the table, held in place by a bottle and some **tankard**s.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [stroking his beard] Arr Johnson, me first mate! Do ye know why I've brought ye here tonight?

Johnson: Aye, Captain Fairfurrow! I've heard rumours of a lost treasure, hidden by the **Atlanteans** in the deep sea that only a foolish person would go after. Are we those fools?

Captain Fairfurrow: [leaning forward] Aha! Exactly! We need a brave crew, Johnson; a crew that is not scared of scary sea monsters or stormy weather. Do ye know anyone suitable for the job?

Johnson: Aye, Captain! I know a few people who are crazy enough for the job and good with a sword too. Luckily, they are in this inn tonight!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then let's find them, Johnson, my friend! The more people, the better! Where are they? Are they ready to set sail?

Johnson: Aye, Captain! The group of people are in the bar but I'm afraid they are quite raucous!

Captain Fairfurrow: We shouldn't waste any more time! Lead the way, Johnson!

[Johnson quickly rolls up the maps and charts. The captain and Johnson leave towards the left side of the stage through a creaking, wooden door. When the door swings open, loud laughter and music can be heard but when it closes, the noise fades away.]



Scene 2: Seaside Inn – Bar

[Captain Fairfurrow and Johnson enter the noisy bar. It's filled with pirates drinking and singing along to the **accordion** music.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [raising his voice above the noise] Listen everyone! I be looking for people to join me crew. We are going on an adventure tonight to find the lost Atlantean treasure!

[The room becomes quiet for a moment before everyone bursts into laughter again.]

Pirate 1: You must be crazy! There's no such thing!

Pirate 2: [slamming his hand on the table] He's gone mad! Many good people have been lost in search of that treasure. It's only a story!

Captain Fairfurrow: Then what do you call this? [He triumphantly holds out the chart with a big golden X shining in the candlelight.]

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Pirate 1: Is that the map?!

Pirate 2: It can't be! If we found this, we'd be very rich!

Pirate 3: Where do I sign?



[Johnson slams a feather pen and a piece of paper on the table. After seeing the map, the pirates rush to sign up for the adventure.]

Scene 3: On Board The Black Tide

[Captain Fairfurrow stands at the ship's helm, looking at his crew, while Johnson unfolds the map.]

Captain Fairfurrow: [pointing at the map] This is our route. The treasure is in the heart of the great deep blue. We will sail through dangerous waters, where the wind howls and waves are strong. Get ready, crew!

[The crew exchange determined looks, ready to face whatever challenges lie ahead.]

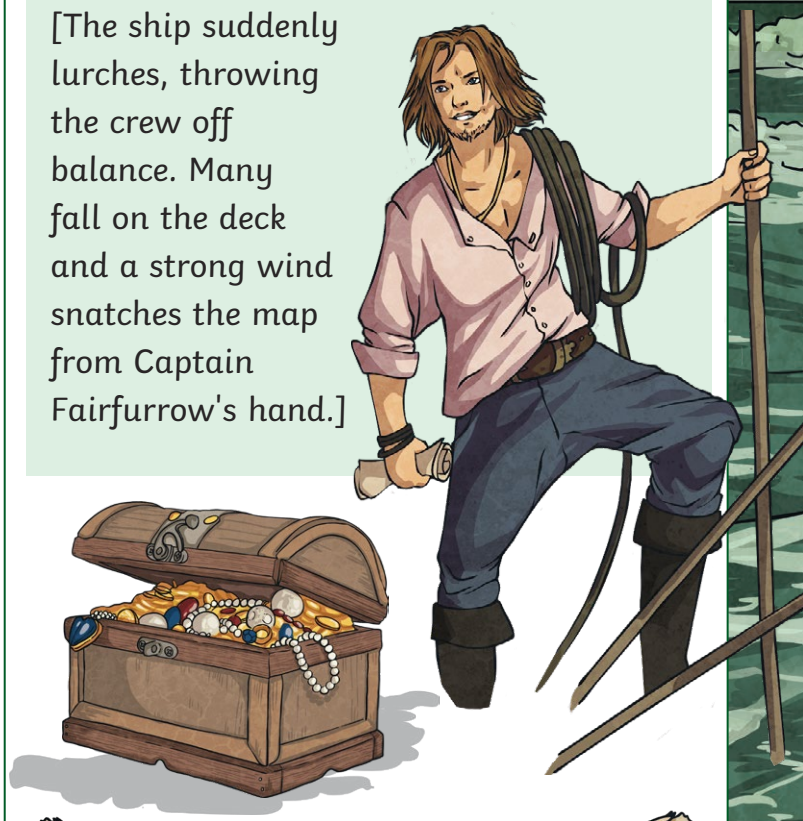
Scene 4: The Heart of the Deep Blue

[After hours of sailing, a storm rages, lightning flashes and waves crash against the ship. The crew hurriedly works to keep The Black Tide afloat.]

Johnson: [struggling to hold on] Captain! The waves! They are tearing us apart!

Captain Fairfurrow: [shouting over the storm] We mustn't give up, Johnson! The treasure of Atlantis is waiting for us! Hold on tightly crew, there are riches beyond this storm!

[The ship suddenly lurches, throwing the crew off balance. Many fall on the deck and a strong wind snatches the map from Captain Fairfurrow's hand.]



Glossary

accordion: A musical instrument using bellows and keys.

Atlantean: Associated with the lost city of Atlantis.

tankard: A large, usually metal, cup with a handle.

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Questions

1. Which items are used to hold the map in place on the table? Tick **two**.

   - ○ a bottle
   - ○ a candle
   - ○ a table
   - ○ some tankards

2. Draw **four** lines and match each feature of a play script with the example from the text.

stage directions	**Captain Fairfurrow:**
characters	The scene is set in a dark room with a wooden table...
scene title	**On Board The Black Tide**
setting description	[slamming his hand on the table]

3. What is the name of the ship the crew sail on?

   _____

4. Look at **Scene 4: The Heart of the Deep Blue**.
   Find and copy one word that means 'move suddenly'.

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5. Find **two** examples of stage directions from the text.

   - _____
   - _____

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6. How do you think Johnson is feeling in **Scene 4: The Heart of the Deep Blue?** Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

7. Some of the lines are not written in standard English and are grammatically incorrect. Why do you think the writer did this?

8. Do you think Captain Fairfurrow is a good captain? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No
   - ○ Maybe

9. Summarise what happens in the play in 40 words or fewer.

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