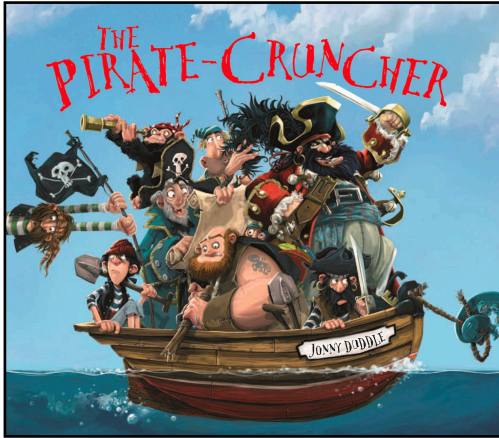


## Stories from the same author



Plot - Captain Purplebeard and his crew of cut-throat pirates are off to find an island packed with treasure! Once they've set sail for the mysterious island, he tells them it is guarded by the terrible Pirate-Cruncher. Could their greed be leading them in to some big trouble?

Jonny Duddle, the writer of 'The Pirates Next Door' wrote 'The Pirate - Cruncher'. Looking at the front cover can you see any similarities between 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'The Pirate- Cruncher'?

## Diary entries

### Diary Writing Helpful Hints

Include the date and/or time.

Write in the past tense.

Use the words 'I', 'we', 'my' and 'our'.

Write about the most important events.

Tell the events in order.

Talk about where events happened.

Describe your feelings.

Use time words (first, next, before).

A diary entry captures and recalls events that occurred during the day. The most important events of the day are included and written about in order.

Diary entries are written in the first person (I, we, my, our) and include feelings, thoughts and opinions.

A non - chronological report gives people information about something or someone. A non chronological report has a title, an introduction, sub-headings and pictures with captions.

#### Examples

- non-fiction book
- information leaflet
- fact sheet or fact file



#### Structure

- use a title
- write an introduction
- put your information into sections
- give each section a sub-heading
- use facts that you have researched
- include pictures with captions



#### Language Features

- use formal language, e.g. habitat, astronaut, monarch
- remember your full stops and capital letters
- add apostrophes to show possession, e.g. The Queen's birthday.
- use 'that', 'because', 'when' and 'if' to create longer sentences



## Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus was an explorer.

He was born in 1451, in Italy.

### Christopher Columbus' life

Christopher Columbus learned to sail in a wooden ship with sails.

His dream was to go to China.

The king and queen of Spain gave him money to buy ships.

### His famous adventures

He set sail from Europe on 3rd August, 1492, with his sailors.

They did not know where they would land.

He discovered new lands, they called it 'The New World'.

They arrived in America in 1492, but Christopher Columbus did not discover America, the Vikings did.

He started regular contact with America and brought over new foods.

He had to leave his damaged ship there with 40 men on board.

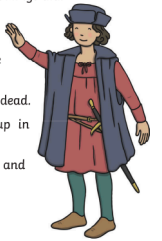
When he came back for them, they were dead.

He sailed again in 1502 and ended up in Central America.

He was very ill when he got home and died in 1506.

### Interesting facts!

- His first trip at sea was when he was 13 years old.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.
- The sailors had to sleep on the deck of the ships.



## Key vocabulary :

sailor – someone who works on a boat or a ship

voyage – a long journey by sea, air or land

crew – a group of people who work together

continent – one of the earth's seven major areas of land

ocean – a large area of salt water

island – an area of land smaller than a continent and surrounded by sea

astronaut – a person who is trained to travel to space

space mission – a journey made into space

significant individual - a person who is famous / remembered for something important