The Pirate Ghost

Decodable Readers Theater



Focus Skill: Sounds of GH, IGH, IGHT

Adapted from the *Reading Horizons Discovery*® Decodable *Little Book, The Pirate Ghost,* Lexile: 450L

Student parts: Narrator, Rod, Steve

Tips:

Repeated reading with appropriate decodable text is an excellent way to build reading fluency with students. Consider using choral reading, Cloze reading, echo reading, and partner reading with feedback as a way for students to practice. Once students have had many times to practice, this particular Readers' Theater script can be fun to perform in the dark with flashlights!

Summary:

The Pirate Ghost is a fun story about two friends discovering an abandoned pirate ship. All alone, these two step aboard to seek treasure. Will they find gold or perhaps a ghost? Read the script to find out what happens!



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Narrator: One night, Rod and Steve were strolling to their homes by the sea. They spotted a ship. It had drifted up onto the rocks. The bright light of the full moon made it clear that the old ship had been at sea for many years. It was tilting to the right. It bobbed up and down as high waves made the ship hit the rough rocks. The sails were missing or ripped. There were also cracks in the ship's frame.

Rod: Let's go in! There might be gold on the ship!

Steve: What if there is a pirate ghost on the ship?

Rod: We are tough. We can fight a pirate ghost, but I don't think there is such a thing.

Steve: (said with a sigh) Fine. Let's go on the ship.

Narrator: When they got on the ship, Rod went to the left. Steve went to the right.

Steve: Yell for me if you find any gold!

Rod: (laughing) Yell for me if you find any ghosts waiting for a fight!

Narrator: After some time had passed, Steve yelled.

Steve: Rod, I see a pirate chest come and look!

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Narrator: Rod rushed to find Steve. He heard a moaning sound. It gave him a fright. Then, right before him, there was a ghost! The ghost wore a pirate hat and a patch over his right eye. He also had weeds from the sea hanging all over him.

Steve: (in a scary voice) Yo ho! I will not let you steal my gold.

Narrator: Rod was shaking with fear.

Rod: You keep your gold. Just let us go!

Narrator: Just then, the ghost did an odd thing. He laughed and laughed.

Steve: Hahahaha.

Narrator: Rod could tell that the ghost's laugh was the same as Steve's laugh.

Rod: Now I know you are not a ghost!

Steve: I did not find any gold in a pirate chest, but I did find all of this pirate stuff.

I used it to trick you.

Narrator: As they left the ship and strolled home, Steve laughed.

Steve: Hahahaha. You were quite the sight!

Rod: Haha. You were quite the sight, too!

Rod and Steve: The end!

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