

Book 1

PERFECT PLAYS

For Primary Students

- * Contains three stage plays perfect for school productions.
- * Includes theme activities for each play.



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PLAY 1

A Friend Indeed

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Theme: Friendship

Burly is a pirate, mean and often nasty. He doesn't have any friends because the townfolk in Pirate Town are frightened of him. Burly discovers that to have friends you need to be friendly and so he changes his ways, to everyone's delight and relief.

PLAY 2

Think Before You Act

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Theme: The Importance of Thinking Things Through

A little dog wants to protect his owners. He knows that the Yum Yums want to harm his owners, but his owners act before they think. Luckily all is well in the end. (Loosely based on 'The Hobyahs' – but less violent.)

PLAY 3

Dreams Really Can Come True

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Theme: Sharing and Caring

Johnny is being naughty. Santa and the Dreamlings use a bit of special magic to bring happiness and love to the little boy so he no longer misbehaves.

Teaching Notes - Play 1

Play	Theme
A Friend Indeed	Friendship

Students will:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the value of kindness and friendship • Develop appropriate social skills • Develop problem solving strategies • Understand the qualities of good citizenship

Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving • Predicting • Patterning • Matching • Following directions • Counting • Discussing • Dramatising

INTER-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES			
Language	Maths	S&E/Science	Arts
Word Match Word Search Following Directions	Pattern Making Compass Rose Treasure Hunt	Pirate Flag	Mirror Picture Draw a Pirate Pirate Mask

Resources
Roger the Jolly Pirate – Brett Helquist Maggie and the Pirates – Ezra Jack Keats Grandma and the Pirates – Phoebe Gilman Do Pirates Take Baths? – Kathy Turner Peg Leg Tango – Captain Bogs and Salty Historic Boat Museum – Fremantle, WA

Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children name the qualities of a friend? • Do children understand what they need to do, to be good citizens? • Can children use appropriate strategies to solve a problem?

PLAY 1 : A FRIEND INDEED

CHARACTERS: **Burly** – A Pirate
Group 1 – Grown up pirates & pirates 1,2,3 & 4
Group 2 – Pirate children & solo pirate child

SETTING: Pirate town scene

SUGGESTED MUSIC: Adaptation of “The Three Pirates”.
See www.folkinfo.org

All: Let us introduce ourselves.

Group 1: We are the grown up pirates
– we have seen the light.

Group 2: We are the pirate children
– we never, ever fight.

Burly: I am BURLY – a big, bold and mean, quite
the worst sight you’ve ever seen. HAR! HAR!
HAR!

Groups 1 & 2: (Song)

Bad Burly came to Pirate Town, Yo ho, Yo ho,
Bad Burly came to Pirate Town, Yo ho, Yo ho,
He had a beard
And looked so mean,
Quite the worst sight ever seen.
Yo ho, my hearties,
Yo ho, my hearties,
Yo ho! Yo ho! Yo ho!

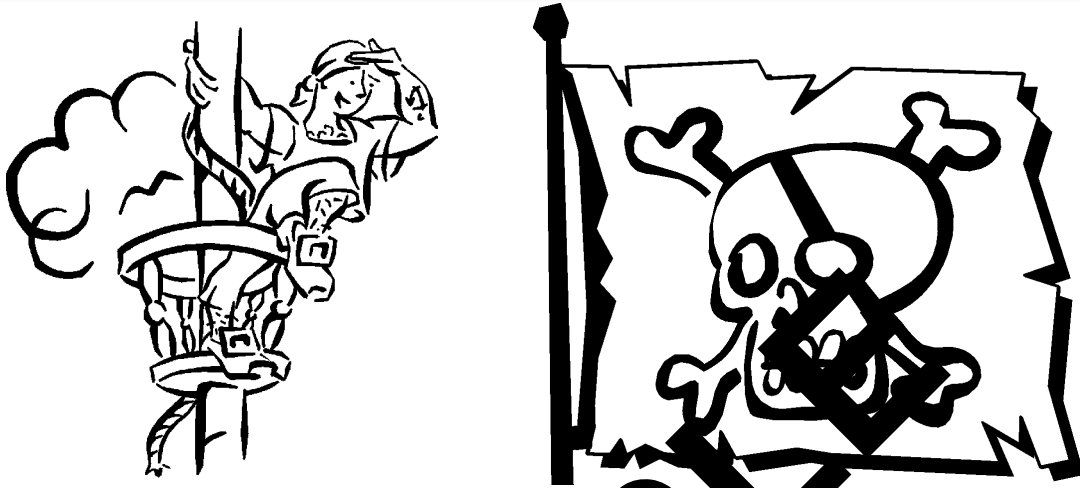
Bad Burly was a pirate,
As mean as he could be.
He never smiled, he never laughed,
Tough and bold was he.

*(Suggested Music –
adaptation of “The
Three Pirates”. Go
to folkinfo.org and
search The Three
Pirates.)*



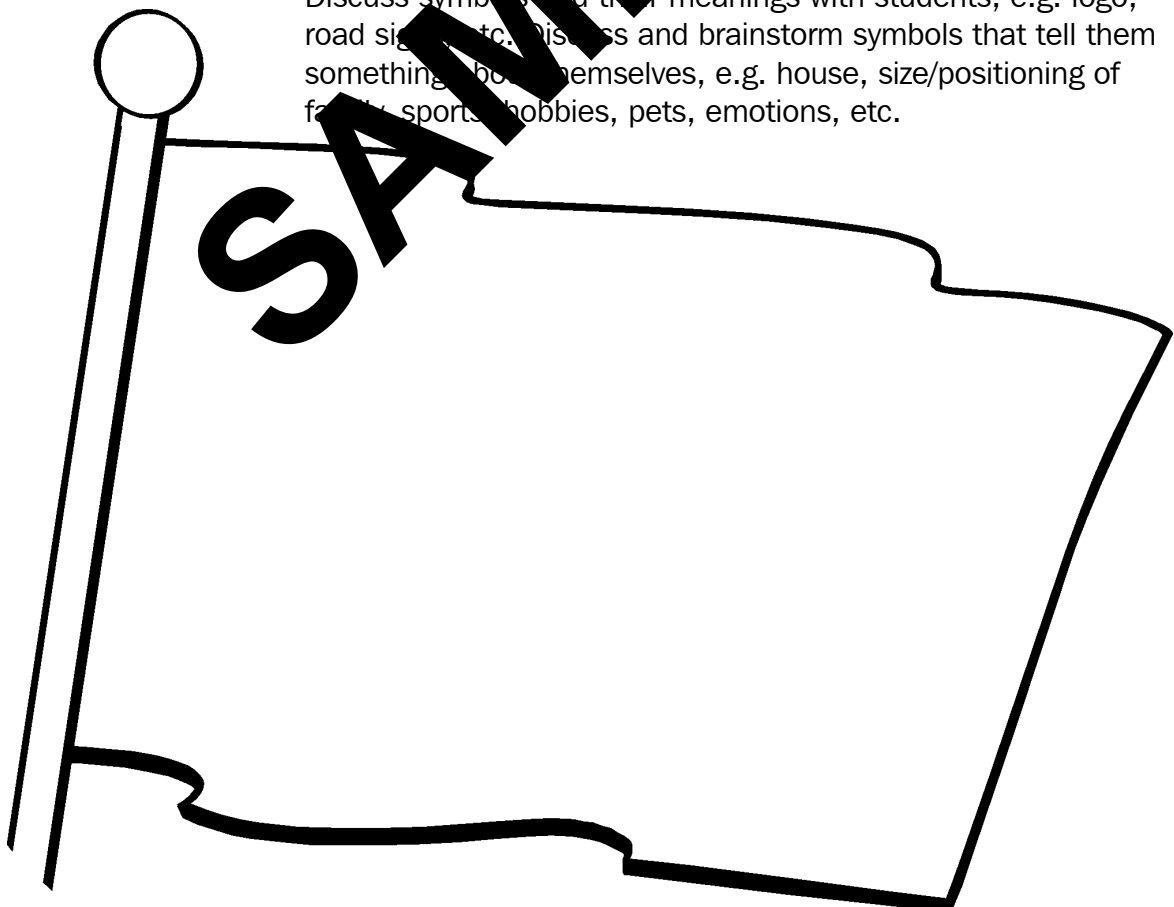
Pirate Flag

This flag tells us that a pirate ship is coming.



Draw something on your flag that tells us about you.

Discuss symbols and their meanings with students, e.g. logo, road signs, etc. Discuss and brainstorm symbols that tell them something about themselves, e.g. house, size/positioning of family, sports, hobbies, pets, emotions, etc.

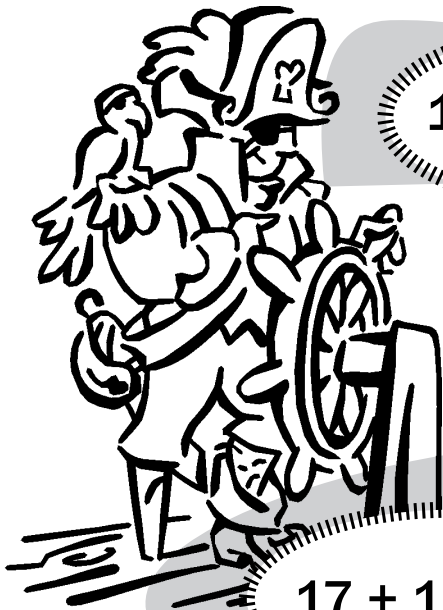




PLAY 1: A FRIEND INDEED

Treasure Hunt

Find your way to the treasure chest by adding the sums.



$12 + 3 = \square$

Start Here

$14 + 2 = \square$

$17 + 2 = \square$

$14 + 5 = \square$

$17 + 1 = \square$

$12 + 5 = \square$

$11 + 8 = \square$

$14 + 6 = \square$

$16 + 3 = \square$

$12 + 4 = \square$

