

story time

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Avui a l'story time tenim un conte d'una noia que te les idees molt clares!

Jenny's Plans

Jenny was a young girl with long dark ginger hair. She went to school. She studied hard. She liked dogs but hated cats, apart from her neighbour's cat Jess who was adorable. Jenny had a small nose and a wide smile. She liked skating and swimming. All in all, Jenny was a normal girl. She was 13 years old and she had plans.

However, Jenny's plans were not normal. Jenny didn't want to go to university and get a job in an office. She didn't want to live in the suburbs, have barbecues with her neighbours and live a quiet life. The idea of getting up at 7, driving to work and starting work at 9 then repeating the journey at 5 and going home, was abhorrent.

Jenny had plans! Jenny wanted to be a pirate!

Jenny wanted life at sea on a large ship. She wanted a life of adventure and navigating the seas.

When Jenny was 6 years old her dad read her a book about pirates. Jenny was hooked! Pirates were amazing. The ones in the book had a pet parrot called Polly. Polly was a bird but she could speak English very well. The pirates didn't go to school. They spent their days on the ship and they

travelled to far away places. They found treasure: beautiful jewellery, necklaces, bracelets, earrings etc. They had adventures and discovered tiny uninhabited islands.

When the young girl was 8 years old she went to the library and read more books about pirates.

When Jenny was 10 years old, she had dreams of being a pirate and in charge of a big ship. Jenny dreamed of being the captain.

The village where Jenny lived was at the coast. There were high cliffs and the view of the sea was beautiful!

When Jenny was 12 years old, she discovered that her town had two libraries. Most people went to the library in the centre of town which was near the school, but the other library was in an elegant old building at the top of the cliffs just outside the town. It was on the cliffs and overlooked the bay below. It had tall windows and was full of light. Jenny loved the old library on the cliffs. It was full of interesting books and had balconies where she could look down to see the ocean and smell the clean salty air.

When Jenny was 13, she was studying maths and geography in the library. She had a lot of homework to do. She had homework for geography about islands. She went to look at the shelves to find books about islands in the Pacific. She took out a large book, but behind it, at the back of the shelf she saw a small book with a brown leather cover. Jenny took it to her table to read. It was fascinating! It was a diary.

The diary belonged to a pirate called Mr. Black. It explained that his boat was near the coast and that it would be ready and waiting for the person who found his diary and who could break the code on the last page.

The young girl quickly looked at the last page. The code was easy for her. Jenny was very good at maths. Picking up her pen, she started to break the code. Twenty minutes later she had it. The pirate ship would return to the bay below the cliffs for one day each year and the day was 29th June. She could not believe her luck. 29th June was her birthday! She had to wait for two months and then she could see the pirate ship.

Feeling very happy, she put the diary in her bag, finished her homework and walked home.

Two months! Just two months and her life could change.

Que passarà? Estarà el vaixell el dia del seu aniversari? Els pirates la deixaran pujar a bord? Hi haurà un lloro com en els llibres de pirates? Un altre dia sabrem les respostes.