



Welcome aboard, me hearties!
“Pop-up Pirate” is the classic action
game that’s a barrel of fun! It’s also a
great way to introduce more language
into your little shipmate’s life.

It’s simple to work on **plurals** by asking
your child for multiple swords at a time,
i.e. “give me one sword”, “give me three
swords”, etc.



You can work on **attention and listening**
skills by turn taking. Your child needs to wait
until it’s their turn again. This can be longer
or shorter depending on the number of
players.

Pop Up Pirate



Play a hiding game with the swords and describe where
the child can find them using **prepositions** (positional
words) e.g. in, on, under, beside, behind, in front of, etc.
Simple sentences like, “It is hiding behind the cushion”,
“Look under the big cup”, etc.

Ask the child to **follow directions** before they
take their turn, e.g. “if you have shoes on pick a
red sword.”, “clap your hands, turn around then
have a go.”, etc.

Encourage your child to answer and ask many
different types of **questions** during the game.

Closed questions that require YES/NO answers, e.g.
“can I have a green sword?”

You could work on WH questions that are more
open also; “what colour would you like?”, “where is
the red sword?”, “when do you think the pirate will
pop?”, etc.

It’s a great game for practicing **pronouns**, e.g. “**HE** is in the
barrel”, “**HE** has an eye patch”, “**HIS** beard is black”, “**HE** is
going to Pop!”, etc.

OR

If your child is working on using “I” you can model and
encourage phrases such as “I choose...”, “I have...” and “I
need...” while playing the game.