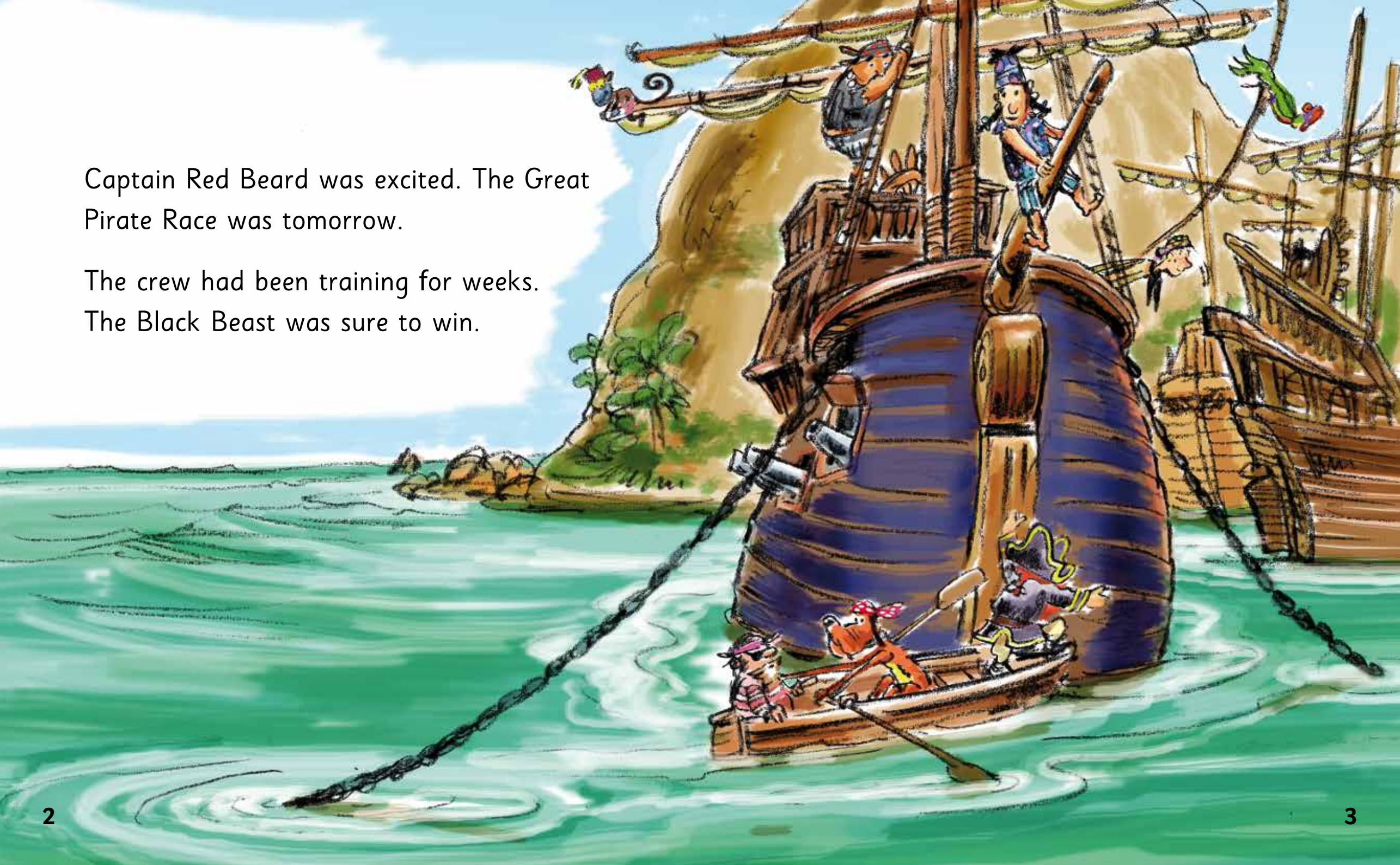


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Pirate Race was tomorrow.

The crew had been training for weeks.
The Black Beast was sure to win.



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Let's Get Ready to Read!

Dear Parents and Educators,

This guide will help your reader explore, examine, and engage with the fiction book *The Great Race* by Lisa Thompson. The included activities will strengthen their reading comprehension skills and provide them with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Your young reader will develop their own points of view on the book and its characters as they analyze the text in more structured and detailed ways. Help your reader on their reading journey by reading with them, asking and answering questions along the way, and offering guidance and support, as needed. Be sure to read through pages 4–6 for helpful instructional ideas.

On this page, you will find discussion questions to ask your reader after having finished the book as well as some fun activities to help foster your young reader's love of reading!

Just 4 Fun!

- Work with other parents or teachers to arrange a book club meeting so your reader can discuss the book with peers. Provide a comfy, cool setting and some yummy treats!
- Set up a book nook! Find a quiet corner. Add a few blankets and pillows. Maybe grab a beanbag chair or poof! Be sure there is a lamp or overhead light and—*voila!*—you have a nifty nook any reader would love.
- Challenge your reader to become one of the characters from the book for an interview. Have your reader dress the part. Then, have them answer your questions as that character.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the author wrote this book?
2. Could this story be true? Could it really happen?
3. Do you like the characters? Could you be their friend?
Why or why not?
4. What is your favorite part of the story? Tell me all about it!
5. Would you recommend this book to your friends? Why or why not?

Name: _____

ACTIVITY 2

The Race

Directions: Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

winner Every port full dozen sail
around sure prize wanted first training

The Great Pirate Race was tomorrow.

The crew had been _____ for weeks.

The Black Beast was _____ to win.

All the ships in the race had to _____ out of Pirate

Cove, _____ Skull Rock and back to _____.

A _____ ships had entered the race.

The _____ one back to port would be the _____.

The _____ was a treasure chest _____ of gold.

_____ pirate from Pirate Cove _____ to win.