



# Punctuation Practice



Fill in the correct punctuation for each of the following sentences.

1. The pirate ship appeared on the horizon \_\_ its sails billowing in the wind.
2. The captain called out to his men to hoist the mainsails \_\_ the men scrambled to get to their positions.
3. There were the sounds of battle in the air \_\_ firing cannons, whistling wind, and breaking wood.
4. The Pirate Queen cried \_\_ "Avast, me hearties!"
5. The crew realized their first big mistake \_\_ the pirate ship had the high ground.
6. As the ships squared off \_\_ the storm clouds began to gather overhead.
7. The Pirate Queen \_\_ a tall woman with long braids \_\_ stood proudly upon the deck \_\_ a pistol in either hand.
8. The captain of the first ship was a brave man \_\_ but he was also a smart one \_\_ he knew the reputation of the Pirate Queen.
9. The battle seemed to rage for hours \_\_ in fact \_\_ it was over in a matter of minutes.
10. The Pirate Queen's goals were simple \_\_ she wanted to rule the Seven Seas.
11. The captain found himself agreeing with her simple goals \_\_ she wasn't a villain \_\_ but instead was robbing the wealthy to feed her poor crew.
12. The Pirate Queen offered the captain a deal \_\_ exile on a deserted island \_\_ or joining her crew.
13. The captain considered this deal \_\_ he found absolutely no reason to turn it down.
14. The Pirate Queen and captain became friends and partners in crime \_\_ and ruled the ocean together happily for many years.



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## Answer Sheet

1. The pirate ship appeared on the horizon , its sails billowing in the wind.
2. The captain called out to his men to hoist the mainsails ; the men scrambled to get to their positions.
3. There were the sounds of battle in the air : firing cannons, whistling wind, and breaking wood.
4. The Pirate Queen cried , "Avast, me hearties!"
5. The crew realized their first big mistake : the pirate ship was much faster than their ship was.
6. As the ships squared off , the storm clouds began to gather overhead.
7. The Pirate Queen , a tall woman with long braids , stood proudly upon the deck , a pistol in either hand.
8. The captain of the first ship was a brave man , but he was also a smart one ; he knew the bloodthirsty reputation of the Pirate Queen.
9. The battle seemed to rage for hours ; in fact , it was over in a matter of minutes.
10. The Pirate Queen's goals were simple : she wanted to rule the Seven Seas.
11. The captain found himself agreeing with her simple goals : **OR** ; she wasn't a villain , but instead was robbing the wealthy to feed her poor crew.
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