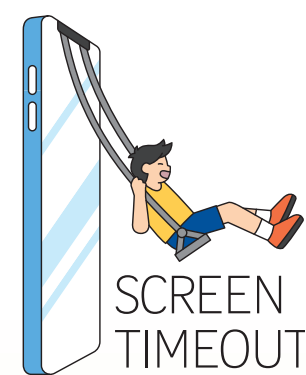




For Kids only

Set sail on an adventure on the high seas in July by folding an origami ship. Then read on to learn about pirates in Singapore's waters.



WORD OF THE MONTH

Harbour

A harbour is a protected, calm body of water along a coast where ships and boats can safely stop or anchor. Harbours protect ships from strong open-sea waves and rough weather.

Harbours are important places for trade, travel and fishing. Ships and their crew stop at harbours to rest, repair their ships or load and unload goods.

Singapore is home to one of the busiest harbours and ports in the world. Located along major global shipping routes, it is an important place for international trade. Every day, thousands of ships pass through Singapore's waters carrying cargo to countries around the world.

In July, HarbourFront Centre is closing for redevelopment. Known as World Trade Centre in the past, it used to be part of port operations, including housing a passenger ship terminal.

For many years, HarbourFront Centre helped connect Singapore to other countries and islands through cruise and ferry services, playing an important role in Singapore's harbour.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hundreds of years ago, pirates were known to sail through the waters around Singapore and other parts of South-east Asia. Many merchant ships travelling through the nearby Singapore Strait carried valuable goods such as spices, silk and tea, making them targets for pirates in the region.

The Singapore Strait, which runs along Singapore's south coast, was a busy sea route targeted by pirates. Small islands and narrow waterways also gave pirates good hiding places where they could wait to ambush passing ships.

One island linked to this pirate history is Sentosa. Before it was called Sentosa, it was known as Pulau Blakang Mati, which means "the island behind which lies death". Historians believe pirates and sea raiders once travelled through nearby waters.

Modern-day piracy still exists, which is why it is important to keep sea routes safe.



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FOLD YOUR OWN PIRATE SHIP

Every pirate needs a ship before he or she can set off on an adventure. Follow the instructions below to fold an origami boat.

- The template on this page
- A pair of scissors
- Glue or clear tape

STEPS: