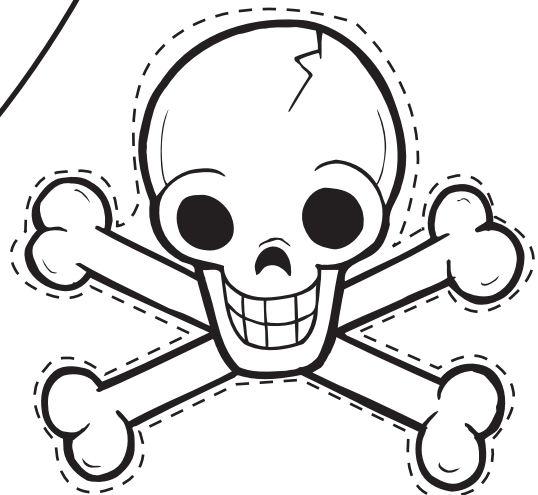
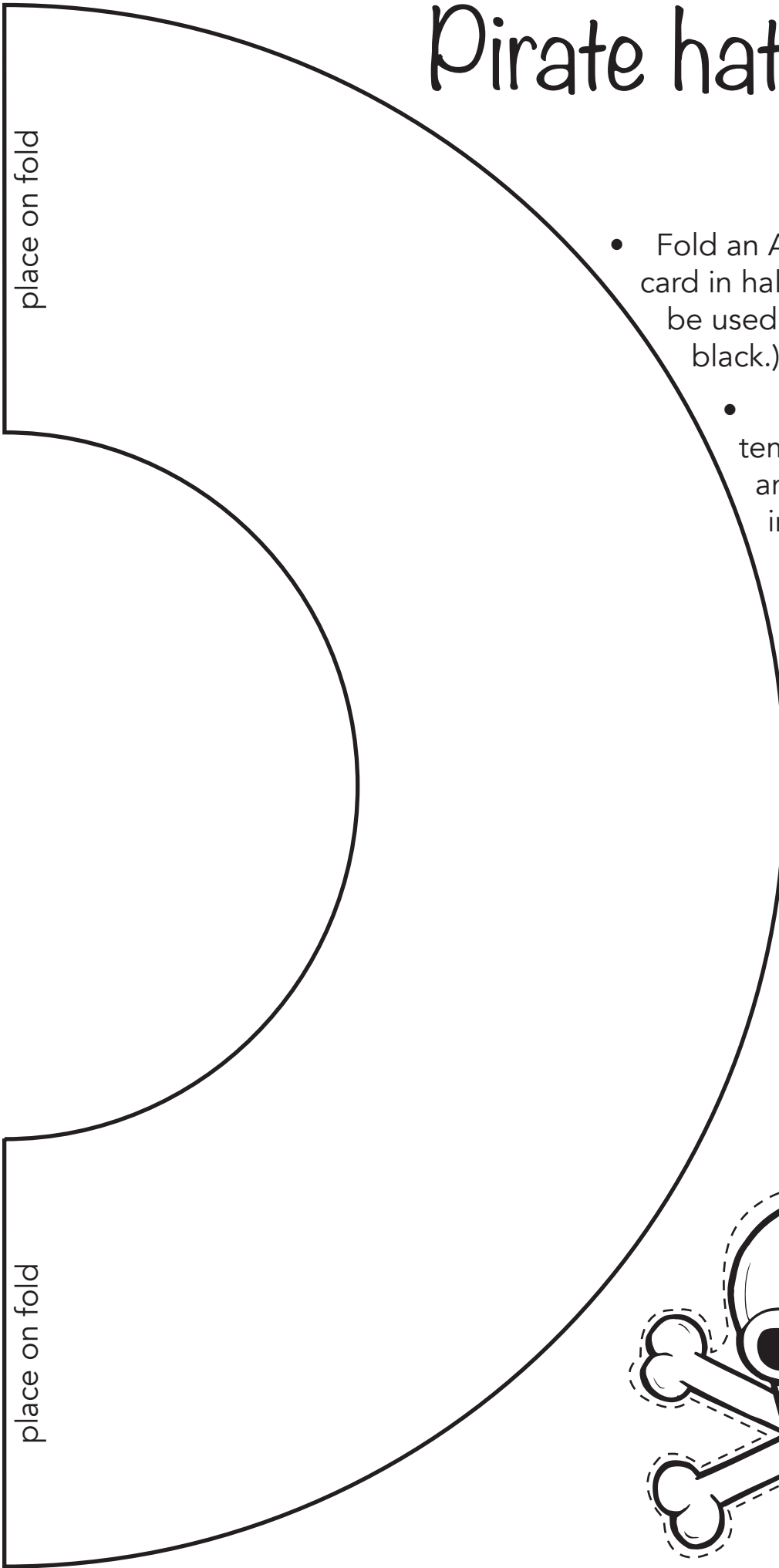


Pirate hat



- Fold an A3 sheet of black card in half. (White card could be used and then coloured black.)
- Place the template on the fold and cut around the inner and outer semi-circles.
- Keep the circle folded and tape or staple the ends to shape and fit.
- Decorate with pirate symbols or use the logo below.



Amarina and the shark

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Narrator: Faraway in the depths of the ocean, there lived a mermaid named Amarina. She was gentle and kind to all the creatures that shared her ocean home. Her best friend was a dolphin named Echo. Together they would play and explore their undersea world.

Amarina: Where shall we go today, Echo?

Echo: Let's see. We haven't been out past the crystal caves for a while.

Amarina: Great idea! Let's go there! Catch me if you can!

Echo: Watch out! Here I come!

Narrator: Amarina and Echo darted playfully away, over the beds of colourful coral and through the swaying seaweed. Before long they had swum past the shining crystal caves.

(Amarina and Echo swim across the screen from one side to the other twice, moving up and down and turning in circles)

Amarina: It's very quiet here, isn't it, Echo?

Echo: You're right, Amarina. I wonder why?

Amarina: Perhaps we could ask some of the creatures. Except ... I can't see any!

Echo: That's why it's so quiet. There are no animals swimming or playing. None at all!

Amarina: Let's see if we can find someone ... anyone.

Narrator: Together, Echo and Amarina searched high and low. They peered under rocks and searched through seagrass. (Amarina and Echo search)

Echo: Amarina, look over there! There are some fish hiding in the seaweed!

(The school of fish can be seen partly hiding behind the seaweed)

Amarina: You're right, Echo. We can ask them where everyone has gone.

Narrator: Amarina and Echo swam to the school of fish. The fish darted around in the seaweed, looking afraid.

Amarina: Hello, friends! Why do you look so scared? And where are all the other sea creatures?

(The fish come out from behind the seaweed)

Fish: Haven't you heard? It's said that a savage shark is prowling our waters.

Echo and Amarina: A SAVAGE SHARK!

Fish: Yes! They say it's gigantic and has dark, menacing eyes and thousands of teeth as sharp as knives. Everyone is too scared to come out and play.

Amarina: Oh, no! Has anyone been hurt?

Echo: (gulping) Or eaten!

Fish: No, not that we know of. But we don't want to be the first victims! Quick, let's get back to the seaweed to hide!

(Fish dart away)

Indicator: Reads or memorises a play script while working a shadow puppet character.

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Amarina: My goodness! What terrible news!

Echo: Yes. I'm scared, Amarina. Look, I'm shaking like a bowl of jellyfish. Let's get out of here. I don't want to be a shark's breakfast!

Amarina: But... our friends can't live happily if they are scared and too afraid to come out into the open. We can't just leave. We have to help!

Echo: Aw, I was afraid you'd say that. But what could we do? How could a dolphin and a mermaid get rid of a giant shark?

Amarina: First, let's see if we can find the shark. Then we'll work out what to do next.

Narrator: Amarina swam off, Echo tagging fearfully behind.

Amarina: Echo, quick, come behind these rocks. I think I saw something!

Echo: (Dashing behind the rocks) Yikes!

Amarina: It is a shark! But it's not big. And its teeth are quite small. And its eyes don't look menacing, either.

Echo: (Facing the opposite direction, hiding) Maybe it's a different shark? Or maybe you need to get your eyes checked? I'm too scared to look!

Amarina: Oh, come on, Echo. Don't be such a tadpole. Look for yourself! It doesn't look so fierce ... really!

(Echo turns and looks. As he does, a shark moving behind the seaweed appears)

Amarina: I'm going to talk to the shark. Let him know that he is scaring the other creatures. Perhaps he doesn't even realise that's what's happening!

(Amarina cautiously swims towards the shark)

Amarina: Hello, I'm Amarina. Please don't hurt me—I just want to talk.

Shark: Hurt you? Goodness me, why would I do that?

Amarina: Well, the creatures of this part of the ocean think you would, and they are afraid of you. They are too scared to come out and play!

Shark: Oh, I'd never hurt any of your friends. I'm just here waiting for a big storm on the surface to pass by. It's so rough up there! I'll go back and see if it is calmer. Tellyour friends I am sorry—I didn't mean to scare them. Bye, Amarina.

Amarina: Goodbye!

Echo: (Swims out from behind the rocks) So he wasn't going to hurt anyone?

Amarina: No. It was just a misunderstanding. The creature thought he was fierce because of the way he looked, without trying to find out what he was really like. I'm glad everything can go back to normal now.

Echo: Me too. Let's go and tell everyone the good news!

(Amarina and Echo swim off together)

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