

# The Pirates Next Door

*The Pirates Next Door*  
by Johnny Duddle

V - Vocabulary.

I - Inference

P - Prediction.

E - Explanation.

R - Retrieval

S - Summarise/ Sequence.

**Example VIPER questions/ sequence:**

What does the adjective 'gloomy' suggest about the seaside town?

Why do you think the population has increased to 2227?

Do you think Jim Lad's ship will get fixed? Yes, no or maybe?

Do you think there is such a thing as 'normal' girls and boys?

Look carefully at the opening two pages. What is the population of Dull-on-sea?

Can you order these events from 1-5?

## About the Book:

The Jolley-Rogers - a pirate family, are moving to Dull-on-Sea, a quiet seaside town. Stopping to fix up their ship, this unusual family get the whole neighbourhood spreading rumours. Defying the grown-ups, Matilda from next door decides to become friends with the youngest pirate son.

## Vocabulary

gloomy      cutgrass  
petition    now      jetty



## About the Author:

Jonny spent his childhood in the wet and windy hills of North Wales, exploring forests, riding his bike for miles and miles, scrumping apples and building tree-houses. Jonny designed characters for computer games. 'The Pirates Next Door', won the 2012 Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

## Books to read by the same author:

The Jolley Rodgers and the Cave of Doom  
The Pirate Cruncher

## My book Review:

How much did you enjoy reading this book?

1      2      3      4      5  
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Would you recommend this book?

0      1      2      3      4      5  
Never      Maybe      Definitely