

## **Podcast #145 A Sea Story**

### ***Original Version***

A pirate walks into a bar and the bartender says, "Hey, I haven't seen you in three years. What happened? You look terrible!"

"What do you mean?" the pirate replies, "I'm fine."

The bartender says, "But what about that wooden leg? Three years ago you didn't have that."

"Well," says the pirate, "We were in a battle at sea. A cannon ball hit my leg. But the surgeon fixed me up. I'm fine, really."

"Yeah," says the bartender, "But what about that hook? You used to have two hands."

"Well," says the pirate, "We were in another battle. We boarded the enemy ship. I was in a vicious sword fight. My hand was cut off . But I replaced it with this hook. I feel great, really."

"Oh," says the bartender, "What about that eye patch? Three years ago you had both eyes."

"Well," says the pirate, "Some birds were flying over the ship. I looked up. One of them pooped in my eye."

"So?" replied the bartender, "what happened? A little bird poop didn't take out your eye."

"Well," says the pirate, "I really wasn't used to the hook yet."

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### *Choose the correct word or term*

A pirate walks into a bar and the (bartender says – the bartender he says), "Hey, I (didn't – haven't) seen you in three years. What happened? You (looks – look) terrible!"

("What you mean?" – "What do you mean?" ) the pirate replies, "I'm fine."

The bartender says, "But (what– what is) about that wooden leg? Three years ago you (not– didn't ) have that."

"Well," says the pirate, "We were in a battle (at sea– on sea). A cannon ball hit my leg. But the surgeon (fixed me up– fixed me through). I'm fine, really."

"Yeah," says the bartender, "But what about that hook? You (used to have – used to be having) two hands."

"Well," says the pirate, "We were in (an other – another) battle. We boarded the enemy ship. I was in a vicious sword (fight – fite). My hand was cut off . But I replaced (him – it) with this hook. I feel great, really."

("Oh," – "O,")says the bartender, "What about that eye patch? Three years ago you had both eyes."

"Well," says the pirate, "Some birds (was – were) flying over the ship. I looked up. One of them (pooped – popped) in my eye."

"So?" replied the bartender, "what happened? A little bird poop (not – didn't ) take out your eye."

"Well," says the pirate, "I really wasn't (used yet to the hook – used to the hook yet.)"

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### ***Practice with incorrect or missing articles, indefinite pronouns, and verbs.***

In the following version of the story, circle or underline places where (a) a grammatically incorrect article is used, (b) an incorrect verb tense is used, or (c) any of the following is missing:

- a grammatically required article (*a, an, the*)
- a personal pronoun (for example, *he*)
- a possessive pronoun (for example, *his*)
- an indefinite pronoun such as *some* or *any*
- a form of the verb *to be* (for example, *was*)

The first sentence has been underlined to show where you would circle or underline a word or phrase.

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"Well," says pirate, "We were in another battle. We boarded enemy ship. I was in vicious sword fight. Hand was cut off . But I replaced it with hook. I feel great, really."

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