

Yes or No Answers

"Now then," said The Professor, turning back to the control panel. "Let's visit someone a lot less dangerous: Blackbeard!"

"Blackbeard? Wasn't he the cruelest pirate ever to have lived?" said Ethan in surprise.

"Nah," scoffed The Professor. "Just a misunderstood guy."



Blackbeard, whose real name is believed to be Edward Teach, was probably the most famous—and most fearsome—pirate that ever lived. He attacked settlements in the Caribbean and along the Atlantic coast, plundering gold, jewels, and other valuables from ships. Some say he put lit fuses into his famous beard to intimidate his enemies.

When someone begins a sentence with "Yes" or "No" (or, in this case, "Aye" or "Nay"), you should put a comma between it and the rest of the sentence. Below are the questions Emma asked Blackbeard. Put a comma after "Aye" or "Nay" in Blackbeard's responses to set his answers apart from his explanations.

EXAMPLE

EMMA: Is it true you put lit fuses in your beard?

BLACKBEARD: Nay, it just grows that way.

1. **EMMA:** Is Blackbeard your real name?

BLACKBEARD: Nay me name's Edward Teach.

2. **EMMA:** Have you ever taken over a ship?

BLACKBEARD: Aye many times.

3. **EMMA:** Is it true you've buried your treasure all over the United States?

BLACKBEARD: 'Tis a strong possibility but I'll never tell a soul the truth.

4. **EMMA:** Don't you have trouble breathing with all that smoke coming out of your beard?

BLACKBEARD: Aye but you learn to live with it.

5. **EMMA:** Do you want to be a pirate forever?

BLACKBEARD: Nay sometimes methinks I'd like to settle down and live a quiet life in the country.