

## Horrid Henry and Moody Margaret

"I'm Captain Hook!"


"No, I'm Captain Hook!"

"I'm Captain Hook," said Horrid Henry.

"I'm Captain Hook" said Moody Margaret.



They glared at each other. "It's *my* hook," said Moody Margaret.

 Moody Margaret lived next door. She did not like Horrid Henry, and Horrid Henry did not like her. But when Rude Ralph was busy, Clever Clare had flu, and Sour Susan was her enemy, Margaret would quickly jump over the wall to play with Henry.



"Actually, it's my turn to be Hook now," said Perfect Peter. "I've been the prisoner for such a long time."

"Prisoner, be quiet! Said Henry.

"Prisoner, walk the plank!" said Margaret.



"But I've walked fourteen times already," said Peter. "Please can I be Hook now?"

"No, by thunder!" said Moody Margaret. "Now out of my way, worm!" And she swashbuckled across the deck, madly waving her hook and clutching her shiny sword and dagger.

Margaret had eye patches and skulls and crossbones and plumed hats and cutlasses and sabres and snickersnees.

Henry had a stick. This was why Henry played with Margaret. But Henry had to do terrible things before playing with Margaret's amazing swords. Sometimes he had to play 'Mums and Dads' with her. Worst of all (please don't tell anyone), sometimes he had to be the silly baby.

Henry never knew what Margaret would do. When he put a spider on her arm, Margaret laughed. When he pulled her hair, Margaret pulled his harder. When Henry screamed, Margaret would scream louder. Or she would sing. Or pretend not to hear. Sometimes Margaret was fun. But most of the time she was a moody old grouch.



1. Who did Moody Margaret and Horrid Henry both want to be?

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2. Moody Margaret only played with Horrid Henry when who else was busy?

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3. What was Perfect Peter pretending to be?

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4. What had Perfect Peter done 14 times?

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5. What do you think swashbuckled means?

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6. What did Moody Margaret have that Horrid Henry did not have?

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7. What terrible things did Horrid Henry have to do when he played with Moody Margaret?

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8. What did Moody Margaret do when Henry put a spider on her arm?

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9. What two things did Moody Margaret do when Henry screamed?

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