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## ***The Spanish Armada***

***Your task is to write a playscript describing this scene aboard a typical English galleon. As there is a good deal of action going on, so it will require some stage instructions to give a clear indication of what is happening. However, if written thoughtfully, the dialogue among the sailors can convey much of the drama of the battle and so prevent the overuse of stage instructions.***

Use of feature	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs improving
Names and colons	✓		
Capital letters	✓		
Stage instructions		✓	

shot	ramrod	wad	broadside
✓	✓	✓	✓

Dialogue	Uneventful
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Tom M: (Whilst hoisting the mainsail) Put your backs into it you scurvy slimy salty seadogs the more rapidly we hoist the mainsail the quicker we beat up the Spanish!

Harry F: Pull Pull Pull!

Tom A: It feels like my arms are going to fall off sir!

Harry F: Don't stop pulling or you'll wish your dead so pull you seadog!

Tom A: Our cannons are in range.

Harry F: (eyeing the armada) Get down to the gun deck!

(Whilst in the gun deck)

Harry F: Heave her out!

Tom M&A: (pulling the cannon into the boat)

Harry F: Where's the gunpowder?

Tom M: Here you are!

Harry F: Give me the shot!

Tom A: Sir!

Harry F: The ramrod where's the ramrod!