



STORIES FROM THE SEA

PIRATE OBJECTS



CLASP KNIFE

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Description

Pirates liked using knives because they were small, light and easy to carry. You could even carry one between your teeth if your hands were full! A knife like this one is a very useful tool but can also be used for fighting. The blade can be folded into the handle when the knife is not being used. This makes it much safer to carry.

Questions

1. A knife is a very useful tool on a ship. Can you think of any jobs you would need a knife for? Try acting them out!
2. The horn handle is very colourful, what colours can you see?
3. Why do you think there is a hole in the handle?