

HISTORY OF THE TITANIC

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, the Titanic sailed from Southampton, England to New York City. The ship planned to reach New York the following Wednesday but, on April 16 the entire world was shocked to find that this majestic ship had sunk. The Titanic was large beautiful and new. The enormous 46.000 tons ship was considered unsinkable by the captain, 1.316 passengers and a crew of 891. Some passengers were taking a vacation; others were travelling to the United States to live permanently.

At Eight o'clock on April 14 many of the passengers were having dinner. The weather was clear and calm. For the next few hours, the passengers entertained on board--cards, music, dancing, and relaxed in the bars.

At 11:40 the disaster began, while most of the passengers were sleeping, the great ship collided with an iceberg. It damaged the ship so badly that in just a few minutes 5 of the 16 watertight compartments were full of water. The titanic was sinking rapidly. By one o'clock the alarm sounded and woke up the passengers, who rushed to the lifeboats, but there were not enough lifeboats. Women and children entered the boat first. The captain of the Titanic sent a SOS to the nearby ships but nobody answered. At 2:20 a.m. on that quiet and cold night, the Titanic sank in the icy waters of the Atlantic and 1.500 people lost their lives.

1. What do these numbers represent?

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| a) 891 | ___ passengers |
| b) 46.000 | ___ dead |
| c) 11:40 | ___ year |
| d) 1500 | ___ crew |
| e) 16 | ___ weigh |
| f) 1.316 | ___ compartments |
| g) 1912 | ___ sinking |
| h) 02:20 | ___ collision |

2. True or False

- a) There were enough lifeboats for everyone. ____
- b) Women and children entered the boats first. ____
- c) A nearby ship came in time when heard the SOS signal. ____
- d) 1.500 people survived. ____

3. Correct the sentences.

1. The Titanic was sailing from New York to Southampton.

2. It was the smallest and least luxurious ship of that time.

3. Suddenly, it hit on a mountain and water began to pour in.

4. There were not enough seats for all passengers.

5. The passengers of the Titanic were having a bad time before happiness came.

4. Fill in the gaps using the words given.

lifeboats, luxurious, maiden, unsinkable, iceberg, reminders, grave, disasters
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1. It was the first voyage of the Titanic. It was her _____ voyage.
2. It was the largest and most _____ ship of that time.
3. Suddenly, the Titanic hit on an _____.
4. People thought it would never sink. That's why they called it the _____ ship.
5. Unfortunately, there were not enough _____ on the Titanic.
6. It was one of the greatest _____ at sea.
7. The robot went down to find the Titanic in her _____.
8. All around the ship there were _____ of the life on the Titanic.

5. Writing. What were the passengers doing before disaster came?

