

The *Titanic*

Before you watch

Answer the questions.

- 1 What was the *Titanic*?
- 2 What do you know about it?

Comprehension check

1  Watch the video clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Where was the *Titanic* built?
 - a in Belfast
 - b in Southampton
 - c in New York
- 2 How long was the *Titanic*?
 - a 53 meters
 - b 270 meters
 - c 430 meters
- 3 When did the *Titanic* hit an iceberg?
 - a April 14th, 1912
 - b April 10th, 1912
 - c April 12th, 1914

2  Watch again. Match the names with the descriptions.

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| The White Star Line | another large, luxurious ship |
| The Harland and Wolff shipyard | the first port the <i>Titanic</i> stopped at |
| The <i>Olympic</i> | the port where the <i>Titanic</i> started from |
| Southampton | the company that built the <i>Titanic</i> |
| Cherbourg | the shipyard where the <i>Titanic</i> was built |
| Queenstown | the final port the <i>Titanic</i> stopped at |


3  Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 The *Titanic* was bigger than the *Olympic*.

- 2 The *Titanic* was over 53 meters high and had nine decks. _____
- 3 There were 885 passengers on board the ship.

- 4 There was a tennis court in the First Class section.

- 5 The ship was traveling slowly when it hit an iceberg. _____
- 6 Most people died in the cold water. _____

4  Watch again. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 The *Titanic* sank in the _____ Ocean.
- 2 It was the biggest _____ ship in the world.
- 3 There were 885 _____ members on board.
- 4 There was a special _____ serving French cuisine for First Class passengers.
- 5 Halfway across the ocean, the crew were warned about _____.
- 6 There weren't many _____ for the passengers to escape on to.

5  Watch again. Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

cold luxurious modern
special wealthy worst

- 1 The sinking of the *Titanic* was one of the _____ tragedies at sea.
- 2 The *Titanic*, *Olympic*, and *Britannic* were more _____ than any other ship in the world.
- 3 The *Titanic* was a miracle of _____ engineering.
- 4 The passengers in First Class were very _____.
- 5 They had a _____ café serving French food.
- 6 The ship sank in very _____ water.

Language check

Possibility in the present and past

The *Titanic* **must be** one of the most famous disasters in history.

Some people say this **might have been** part of the problem.

6 Choose the correct answers.

- I want to go to the beach, but I think it **might** / **must** rain today.
- Our team **must win** / **must have won** the game last night because everyone was cheering.
- Do you think an animal **could make** / **could have made** those marks in the ground?
- It **might** / **must** have been Carl because there is nobody else here.
- That noise **must** / **can't** be a car. There aren't any roads for miles.
- Picasso might not **paint** / **have painted** this picture.

a / an, the, no article

Almost everybody knows **the** story.

The First Class section had **a** swimming pool.

But they wanted to reach New York on time.

7 Complete the sentences with a / an, the, or Ø (no article).

- My family lives in _____ small house by the ocean.
- _____ Pacific Ocean is bigger than _____ Atlantic Ocean.
- _____ house my father was born in is over there.
- The *Titanic* was _____ largest passenger ship in the world.
- My best friend lives in _____ U.S.
- I don't like _____ sports very much. I prefer _____ reading.

Extension



A



B

Look at the photos and answer the questions.

Photo A

- What can you see in the photo?
- What do you think you can do on board this ship?
- Would you like to travel like this? Why?

Photo B

- What can you see in the photo?
- What do you think you can do on board this ship?
- Would you like to travel like this? Why?
- Which way would you prefer to travel: on the boat in photo A or in photo B? Why?