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The Titanic

In April 1912, a very special ship was launched.

The *Titanic* was the largest ship ever built. Inside, it looked like a beautiful hotel. Some people called it a 'floating palace'. The owners of the *Titanic* said it was the safest ship in the world.

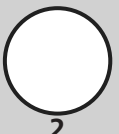
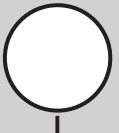
1 Why do you think people said the *Titanic* was a 'floating palace'? Tick **one** box.

Because it was made of gold

Because it looked very beautiful and expensive

Because it always stayed afloat

2 Find and copy **two** things that made the *Titanic* very special.





Everyone thought the *Titanic* was safe.

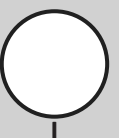
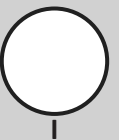
The *Titanic* had a 'double hull', which meant that the outside of the ship was made in two layers. If one layer got damaged, the second layer would still keep out the water.

The *Titanic*'s first journey was from Southampton, England, to New York, USA, across the Atlantic Ocean. At first, everything went well. But just a few nights after the ship left England, disaster struck!

3 Explain how the *Titanic*'s 'double hull' was meant to make it safe.

4 Where was the *Titanic* going on its first journey? Tick **one** box.

Southampton Atlanta New York





Even though the sea was calm, the *Titanic* hit a huge iceberg. The ship sank very quickly, in deep water. There were over 2000 people on board, and more than 1500 of them lost their lives.

But why exactly did the ship sink? For more than 70 years, people searched for the ship. They wanted to find answers. The deep water made it very hard to find the *Titanic*.

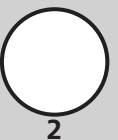
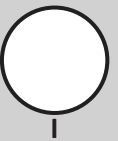
5 How many people died on the *Titanic*?

More than 2000

More than 1500

Everybody on board

6 The photo on this page shows an iceberg like the one that hit the *Titanic*. Write a caption about the *Titanic*, to go with the photo.



At last, in 1985, the *Titanic* was found. Scientists travelled down to the wreck in a mini-submarine. They took photos of the hull. The photos helped them to work out what had happened. The iceberg had made a huge hole in the side of the ship. The double layers of the hull could not keep the water out!

Today, the wreck of the *Titanic* still lies beneath the sea.

- 7** Number these sentences to show the order in which things happened. The first one has been done for you.

The *Titanic* hit an iceberg.

The *Titanic* sank very fast.

The *Titanic* set sail from Southampton.

Scientists worked out what had happened to the *Titanic*.

Scientists travelled down to look at the wreck.

- 8** How did the scientists travel down to the wreck of the *Titanic*?
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| Your mark | _____ out of 10 |
| What went well | |
| How to improve | |