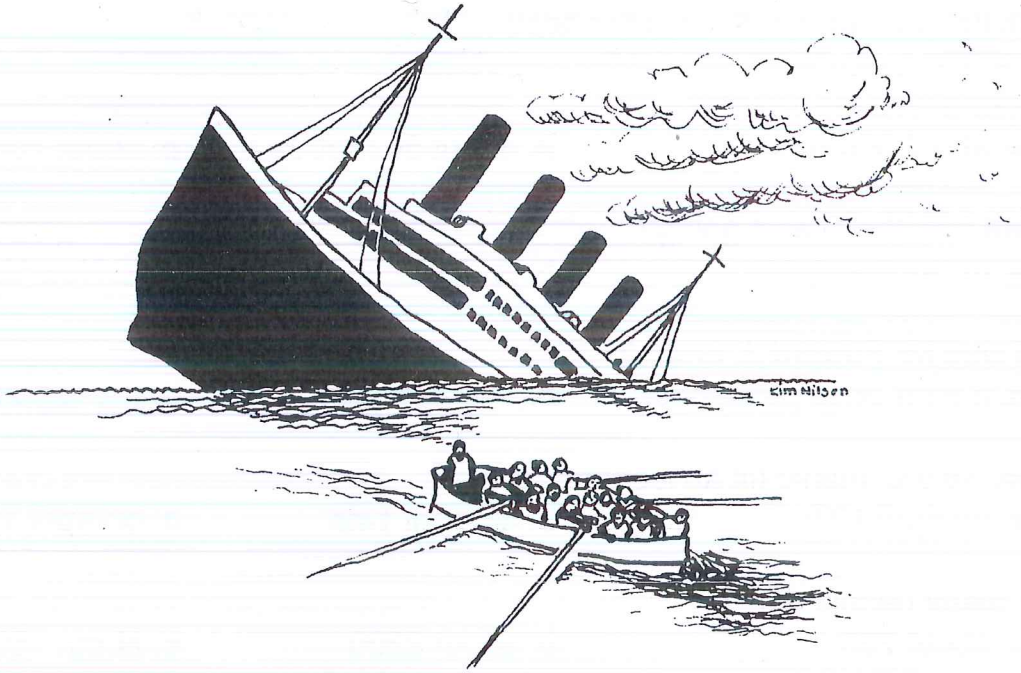


The Titanic



"She was 11 **storeys** high and as long as three football fields. And the best of all: She couldn't **sink!**"

On April 10th, 1912, the Titanic left Southampton in England on her **maiden voyage** to New York on the other side of the Atlantic. She had 2227 passengers and **crew** on board. The rich passengers **stayed** in first class on the top storeys. People with not so much money stayed in second class, also with a great standard. The third class passengers stayed **below** the **water surface**. They were **mostly Irish** or Italians who wanted to start a new life in the U.S.A.

Mr Edward J. Smith was captain **on board**. It was going to be his last trip, because he

wanted to **spend** more time together with his family.

The weather on the evening of April 14th was very good: No wind and clear **sight**. Suddenly the Titanic hit an iceberg, and the water just **gushed** in! There were lifeboats only for half of the passengers. **Women** and children went first. The fathers had to stay on board when their families went down in the lifeboats! People sitting in them heard **screams** from other passengers in the ice cold water but couldn't do anything to help them! The Titanic sent up **rockets**. Another ship, the Carpatia, saw them and **rescued** 705 people. The rest, more than 1500, died in the water, when the "**unsinkable**" Titanic sank.

Word list The Titanic

storeys = våningar
 sink, sank = sjunka, sjönk
 maiden voyage = jungfruresa
 crew = besättningsmän
 stayed = bodde
 below = under
 water surface = vattenyta
 mostly = för det mesta
 Irish = irländare

on board = ombord
 spend = tillbringa
 sight = sikt
 gushed = forsade
 women = kvinnor
 scream = skrik
 rocket = raket
 rescued = räddade
 unsinkable = osänkbar

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A. Mark the answer you think is the best!

1. How long was the Titanic?

a. about 300 metres

b. about 50 metres

c. about 100 metres

2. Where was the Titanic going?

a. to Southampton

b. to Italy

c. to New York

3. Who was Mr Edward J. Smith?

a. a third class passenger

b. a footballplayer

c. the captain

4. When did the Titanic hit an iceberg?

a. on April 10th

b. on April 14th

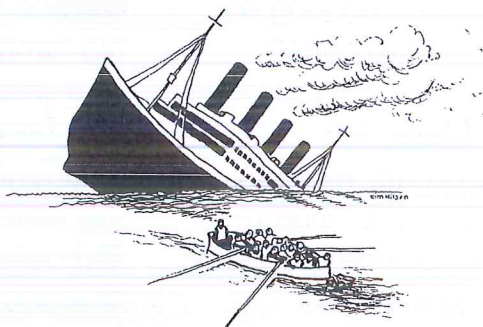
c. on April 11th

5. How many people died?

a. about 700

b. about 2200

c. about 1500



B. Answer the questions!

1. What was the best thing about the Titanic?

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2. How many people were on board the Titanic on her maiden voyage?

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3. Where did the rich passengers stay?

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4. Why was this going to be Edward J. Smith's last trip?

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5. Why did women and children go down in the lifeboats first?

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