

THE TITANIC

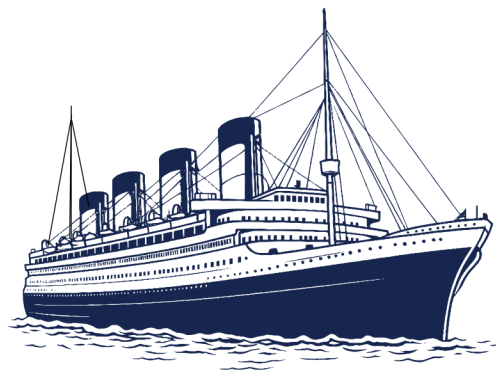
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In the spring of 1912, the Titanic, a majestic ship, **set** sail from Southampton, England heading towards New York City. Passengers who **rode** the ship were amazed by its grandeur. The Titanic was known for its extravagant amenities, including grand staircases, ornate dining rooms, a gymnasium, a swimming pool, and lavish first-class accommodations.

However, the magnificent voyage lasted only until the fateful night of April 14, 1912, when tragedy **struck**. The Titanic had been sailing smoothly through the icy, calm water when suddenly it **hit** a colossal iceberg. As icy seawater poured into the lower levels of the ship, a wave of panic **spread** among the passengers. Over the next few hours, many **came** to the realization that the ship would sink.

Amidst the chaos, passengers desperately **sought** refuge in the limited number of lifeboats. In spite of the ship's size, there were only enough lifeboats for about half of the passengers. Those who couldn't secure a place, jumped into the chilly ocean water, some with life vests, some without. They **swam** in place until most of them **froze** to death.

The "unsinkable" Titanic **sank** less than three hours after it collided with the iceberg, killing 1,500 passengers and crew members. The sinking of the Titanic prompted immediate changes in maritime safety regulations. It's a tragic reminder of how fragile humans are against the unpredictable nature of the ocean.



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FILL IN THE BLANK WITH THE CORRECT PAST-TENSE FORM.

1. The sun (to set) _____ behind the mountains, casting a warm glow across the sky.
2. We (to ride) _____ our bikes to the park and enjoyed the fresh air.
3. Lightning (to strike) _____ the old oak tree during the thunderstorm.
4. The baseball (hit) _____ the outfield wall and bounced back onto the field.
5. She (to spread) _____ butter on her toast before adding jam.
6. He (to come) _____ to the party late, but he still had a great time.
7. They (to seek) _____ refuge from the storm in a nearby shelter.
8. We (to swim) _____ in the lake until the sun began to set.
9. The cold weather (to freeze) _____ the pond, turning it into a sheet of ice.
10. The ship slowly (to sink) _____ beneath the waves, disappearing from view.



WRITING CHALLENGE

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1. Write 10 original sentences, or conversation questions, using the new irregular past-tense verbs.