The Titanic

The Titanic was a very big ship. It was 882 feet long, about as long as three football fields. The ship was built to carry over 2000 people. It sailed in the year 1912.

About 2,224 people were on the ship. About 1,316 were passengers and about 908 were crew members. The crew worked on the ship each day and helped take care of the passengers.

The Titanic was the biggest ship in the world at the time. It could travel about 23 knots, which is about 26 miles per hour. Some ships were faster than the Titanic. Some people called it "unsinkable" because they believed it was very safe.

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Building the Titanic

The Titanic was built in Belfast, Ireland. About 3,000 workers helped build the ship. They worked with steel and heavy tools. It took about three years to finish the ship.

The Titanic weighed over 46,000 tons. It had four tall smokestacks on top. Only three of them carried smoke from the engines. The fourth smokestack was used for air and made the ship look stronger.

The ship had 16 watertight compartments inside. These sections were made to keep water from spreading. Special doors could close between the sections. People believed this design would keep the ship from sinking.

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Life on the Ship

Third class had simpler rooms. Families often shared small spaces. There were over 700 third class passengers on board. Even so, many said the ship was nicer than other ships at the time.

First class had very fancy rooms. Some rooms had soft beds and private bathrooms. There was even a swimming pool, a gym, and a library. These were very special features in 1912.

People ate meals and rested on the ship. There were large kitchens and dining rooms. Some meals had up to 10 courses in first class. People could spend hours eating and talking.

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The Titanic sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. The water was very cold, near freezing. It was early spring, and icebergs were nearby. The crew received warnings about ice that day.

On April 14, 1912, the ship hit an iceberg. The iceberg scraped along the side of the ship. It opened parts of the hull below the water. Water began to rush into the ship.

The Iceberg

More than five compartments filled with water. The ship was only designed to float with four flooded sections. The damage was too great to stop. The crew soon knew the ship would sink.

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The Sinking

The ship broke into two large pieces. It sank into the ocean early on April 15, 1912. The Titanic was gone in about two hours and forty minutes. The Titanic's story is still remembered today.

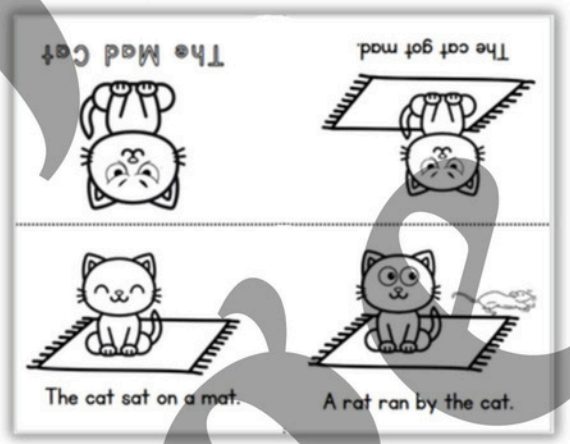
The crew began to lower lifeboats into the water. There were 20 lifeboats on the ship. They could hold about 1,178 people in total. That was not enough for everyone on board.

About 705 people survived the sinking. About 1,500 people died. The ocean water was about 28 degrees Fahrenheit. Most people could not survive in it for long.

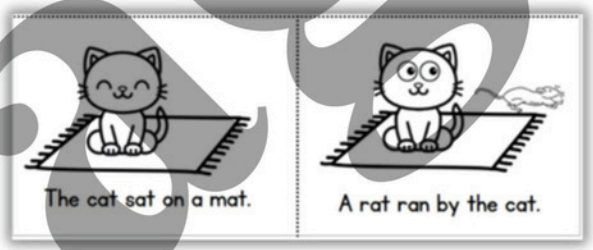
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