

Level 4. The Port

Alpha Readers

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A Write the word that best completes each sentence.

vacation container load steer passenger refinery

- Some ships take hundreds of huge containers to ports all around the world.
A large metal box that is used to transporting goods
- The oil is transferred from the port to a refinery through pipes or by trucks.
a factory where a substance is made pure
- A cruise ship is a huge boat that takes people on long trips or vacations.
a period of rest from work or school
- The pilot steers the ship out when it leaves the port.
to control the direction of a vehicle
- When cruise ships stop at a port, the passengers can leave the ship and go sightseeing.
a person who is travelling in a vehicle
- A port is a place to load and unload people and goods.
to put a large quantity of something

B Circle the word with the same meaning as the underlined word.

- Containers are very big and heavy.
a) safe b) tiny **c) huge** d) busy
- The oil needs to be transported from where it is found to where it is needed.
a) load b) remain **c) transfer** d) build
- Ports are busy and very important places.
a) significant b) beautiful c) strange d) fresh
- Fishing boats travel in and out of a port.
a) sea b) vehicle c) freezer **d) harbor**

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

as with off up at from

1. The containers **are filled** with all kinds of things.
2. The coal **is taken** from the mine and put into huge piles at the port.
3. Fishing boats **are tied** up until they go out to sea again.
4. Ferries pick up and **drop** off passengers as they move from one port to the next.
5. Some cruise ships can be **as tall** as a 10 story building.
6. Sailing boats and fishing boats stay at the port when they are not at sea.

D Choose and rewrite the sentences.**Passives**

Use the **passive** when the subject is not the actor and receives the action.

Use **be + past participle form of the verb** for the passive.

Ex.) The story **was written** by a young child.

1. Oil (used / is used) all around the world.

→ Oil is used all around the world.

2. The fishing boats (washed / are washed) at the port.

→ The fishing boats are washed at the port.

3. My mother (made / was made) dinner for us.

→ My mother made dinner for us.

4. Cheese (made / is made) from milk.

→ Cheese is made from milk.

A Answer the following questions.

1. What is a port?
 - a) It is a busy place for only big ships.
 - b) It is a meeting place for people and animals.
 - ☒ c) It is a safe place for ships and boats to load and unload people and goods.
2. How is the coal loaded onto coal ships?
 - a) It is pumped on the ships through long pipes.
 - ☒ b) It is loaded onto the ships through a big tube or funnel.
 - c) Machines are used to lift it on the ships.
3. What do many people use to travel to and from work each day?
 - a) sailing boats
 - ☒ b) ferries
 - c) cruise ships
4. What are tugboats and pilot boats for?
 - a) They are used for sailing and for fun.
 - b) They are used to wash and clean other ships or boats.
 - ☒ c) They guide ships in and out of the port safely.
5. What can people take when they need to reach different part of the port?
 - ☒ a) a water taxi
 - b) a fishing boat
 - c) a cruise ship

B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

1. Cities and towns are often built around ports. ☒ T / F
2. All kinds of ferries take only people. T / ☒ F
3. Oil tankers are ships that have been built to carry oil safely. ☒ T / F
4. Tiny boats are used to carry people from jetty to their boat. ☒ T / F
5. Sailing boats and fishing boats are always at sea. T / ☒ F

C Sort the boats according to their uses.

Boats for transporting things	
coal ships	They carry the coal across the sea.
container ships	They take hundreds of huge steel boxes to ports.
oil tankers	They carry oil safely across the sea.
Boats for taking passengers	
ferries	Many people use them to travel to and from work.
cruise ships	They take people on long trips or vacations.
water taxis	People can use them when they go to different parts of the port.
Boats for guiding other ships	
tugboats	They are used to push or pull huge ships.
pilot boats	They take pilots who know the safest way into the port.
coal ships / oil tankers / water taxis / container ships / cruise ships / pilot boats / tugboats / ferries	

D Choose a kind of boats from the chart above and write a report.

Cruise ships

Name of the boats

What are they used for?

They are used to take people on long trips or vacations.

What are the characteristics of them?

They are like large floating hotels with bedrooms and bathroom.
They have restaurants, swimming pools, tennis courts, and stores.

What do you think of them?

They are wonderful and I would like to take them some day.