

Level 5. Under Sail

Alpha Readers

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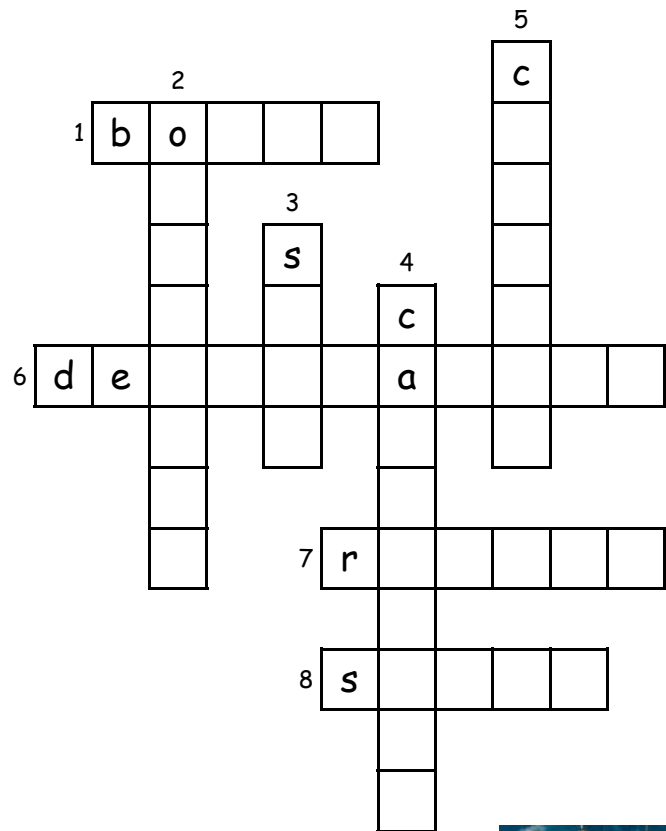
A Solve the crossword puzzle below.

Across →

1. to get on a plane, ship, bus, etc
6. the place where your are going
7. to fix; to mend
8. very bad weather, with a lot of rain and strong wind

Down ↓

2. **big** is the _____ of **small**.
3. a large piece of strong material that is fixed on a ship or boat
4. a person whose job is to make things from wood
5. a person who is the leader of a group



B Write the word that best completes each sentence.

voyage

yards

balance

ratlines

hessian

overboard

1. The sails hung from large poles called _____.
2. The sailors climbed up narrow rope ladders called _____.
3. sailors' beds were often made of _____ bags with filled with straw.
4. They had to carry enough food and fresh water to last for the whole _____.
5. Sailors had to be careful not to be washed _____.
6. Sailors had to have good _____ to work while the ship was moving up and down in big waves.



C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

of another to over up

1. They used the wind to move the sailing ships **from one place to** _____.
2. The captain was **in charge** _____ the ship.
3. They could **take** _____ running the ship when the captain was resting.
4. Sailors **put** _____ the sails and took them down.
5. Before a sailor **was able** _____ climb the mast, he had to learn the ropes.

D Rewrite the sentences using *have to* or *had to*.

Helping Verb have to

I **have to** do something = it is necessary to do it, I am obliged to do it.
Use **had to** when it happened in the past.

Ex.) I **left** early → I **had to leave** early.

I **get up** at four. → I **have to get up** at four.

1. They **do** everything by themselves.
→ _____.
2. I **worked** late yesterday evening.
→ _____.
3. I **waited for** the bus for a long time.
→ _____.
4. The sailors **learned** the name of each rope.
→ _____.

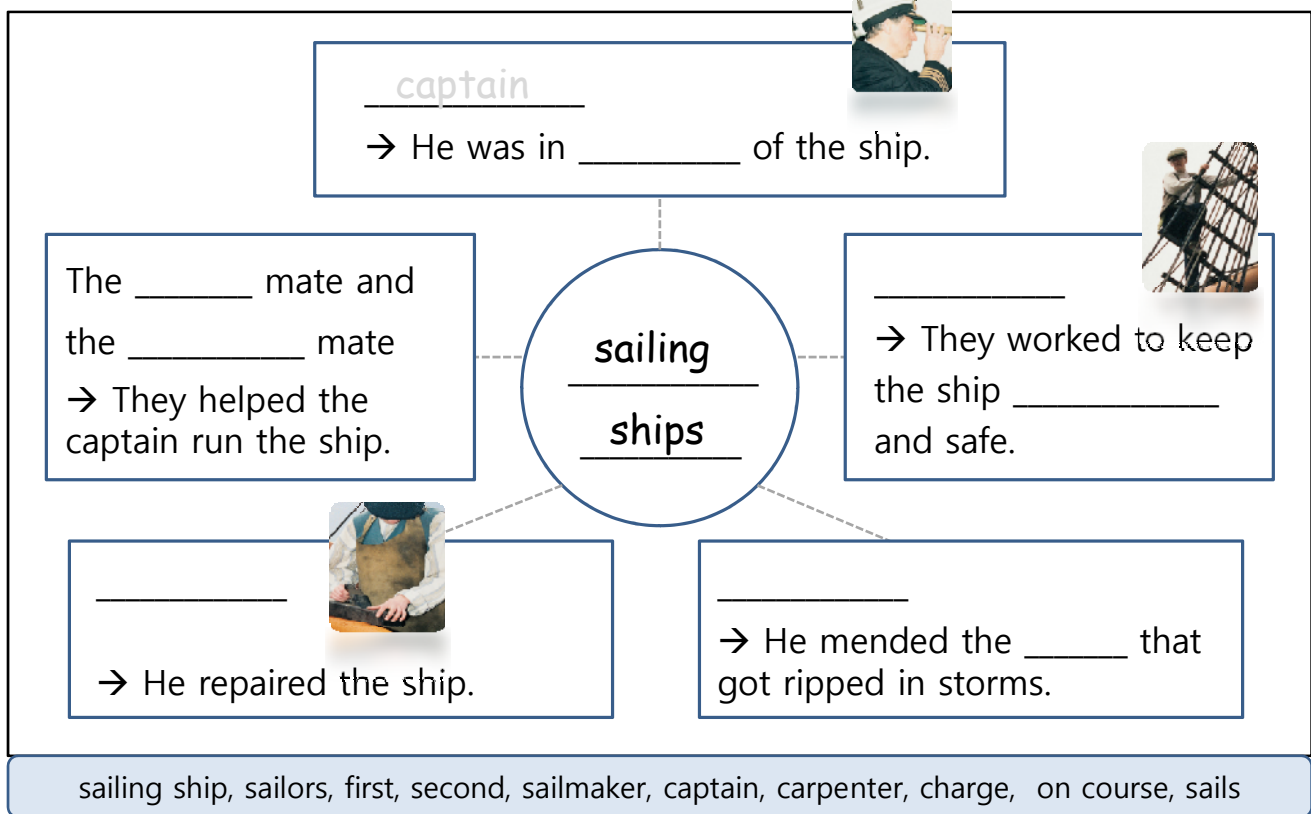
A Answer the following questions.

1. The main purpose of the book is _____.
 - a) to explain different kinds of ships
 - b) to give facts about sailing ships long time ago
 - c) to entertain readers
2. Who was in charge of the sailing ship?
 - a) the first mate
 - b) captain
 - c) sailmaker
3. How would the sailmaker and carpenter spend their times when the weather was calm?
 - a) They would repair the ship.
 - b) They would fix sails that got ripped in storms.
 - c) They would spend their time keeping the sailing ship tidy.
4. What did the sailors carry to last for the whole voyage?
 - a) enough food and books
 - b) enough food and fresh water
 - c) salt water and buckets
5. Why did sailors have to be careful not to be washed overboard?
 - a) Because it was difficult to sail back to pick them up
 - b) Because it was not possible to sail back to pick them up
 - c) Because it was safe to stay overboard.

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

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| 1. Sailors had to have good balance. | T / F |
| 2. Sailing ships could travel in the opposite direction to the wind. | T / F |
| 3. Sailors didn't have to learn the ropes. | T / F |
| 4. Sailors would have to sleep in the beds even if they were wet. | T / F |
| 5. Fresh water was used for drinking and washing. | T / F |

C Complete the chart about who boarded the sailing ship and what they did.



D Complete a report about sailors' life using the given words.

Sailors' Life

Sailors _____ and took them down. (sails)

They had to _____ before they were able to do other work. (ropes)

They brought their own _____ and _____ to wear and sleep.

They could only sleep _____ at a time. (4 hours)

They had to _____ to last for the whole voyage. (food, fresh water)