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Family Sailing Adventure

A New Zealand family of four that has spent the past two years sailing the world has just returned home. They sailed into Auckland Harbour yesterday afternoon on their 32-foot boat, *Julia*. The family consists of parents Jessica and Mike Fleetwood, son Zach, 11, and daughter Mia, 9.

"Sailing around the world was my childhood dream," said Mr. Fleetwood. "After we got married, I introduced Jessica to sailing. She loved it and we decided to go sailing around the world." To pay for the trip, the Fleetwoods sold one of their two houses.

From New Zealand they sailed to Australia, Indonesia and Thailand. Then they sailed across the Indian Ocean to Africa. After that, the Fleetwoods went around the Cape of Good Hope, and across the Atlantic Ocean. After spending time in the Caribbean, they went through the Panama Canal. Finally, they sailed across the Pacific Ocean back to Auckland.

During the trip, Jessica, a high school teacher, 'home-schooled' the children. She says, "The children had a lot of fun. They only felt homesick a few times. We had two computers on the boat so the kids didn't feel bored in the evenings. The children kept busy writing and taking pictures for our family blog."

The Fleetwoods say the best part of the two-year trip was spending time with each other. The worst thing was eating fish almost every day. Although they enjoyed their sailing trip, they say they are happy to be home in Auckland and they are ready to return to their normal lives.

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For questions 1–3 you must answer in complete sentences.

1. How long did the family spend sailing around the world?

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2. How did the Fleetwoods pay for the trip?

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3. What was the best thing about the trip?

   _____

For questions 4–8 tick (✓) the box.

4. The boat's name is *Jessica*.

   ☐ True ☐ False

5. Mrs. Fleetwood is a teacher.

   ☐ True ☐ False

6. The family enjoyed eating fish.

   ☐ True ☐ False

7. What was the first country the Fleetwoods visited?

   ☐ A. New Zealand

   ☐ B. Australia

   ☐ C. Thailand

8. How many oceans did the Fleetwoods sail across?

   ☐ A. Two

   ☐ B. Three

   ☐ C. Four

9. Find the word in the passage which means the OPPOSITE of:

   bought *(paragraph 2)* _____

10. Find the word in the passage which means the SAME as:

    usual *(paragraph 5)* _____

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