

1 Remember the story. Look at the pictures and complete the summary.



The children are on a big sailing ship. The sailors don't look very friendly, so they hide in a **(1) lifeboat**. Unfortunately, Patrick sneezes and some **(2)** find them. They take the children **5** to the **(3)**, who tells the sailors to lock them in his **(4)**. He seems very worried. Inside the cabin, Phoebe finds the captain's **(5)**. It says that he thinks something strange is going to happen. Patrick tells them to come and **10** look out of the **(6)**. Outside, they can see a light, but it's not yellow like their gate, it's green. The children decide to escape and break down the door with a **(7)**. They race outside. There are lots of green lights on the ship and the sailors **15** are walking through them and disappearing. Alex then remembers about the *Mary Celeste*, a ship that was found with no-one on it. Then they see the yellow glow of their gate. They walk through it and find that they are back in the **(8)** of their school. **20** Home at last ... or ... are they?

2 Read the summary in Activity 1 again. Who or what do the underlined words refer to?

1 they (line 2) the children
 2 He (line 6) _____
 3 It (line 8) _____
 4 them (line 9) _____
 5 them (line 15) _____
 6 it (line 17) _____
 7 it (line 18) _____
 8 they (line 19) _____

3 Read and write answers.

1 Where are the children?
They are on a big sailing boat.
 2 Why does the sailor find the children?

3 What do the children read?

4 Why does Patrick tell the other two to come to the porthole?

5 Why are the children careful not to walk into a green light?

6 Why do the children think that something is wrong when they get back to school?



4 Read the captain's diary and write the missing words. Write one word on each line.

Things are strange. There is something wrong with this ship. I have a strong feeling that something bad is going to happen to my ship and my men.

Last night, I had a dream. It was a very strange dream, a terrible dream. There were (1) **green** lights all over the ship.

My men and I walked into them. We didn't want to, but we **(2)** _____ stop – we had to walk.

We walked through the lights and suddenly we were in a very strange place. We weren't on the (3) _____ any more. We were on dry land. We (4) _____ on the side of a mountain and there was

(5) _____ coming from the top of it. I looked (6) _____ my men. They were frightened. Below us, we could see a small town. It wasn't like any town I have ever seen. Suddenly, there was a huge (7) _____ and a giant fireball shot out of the mountain into the sky.

And that is when I woke up. I know it was only a dream, but it seemed so real. This
(8) _____ when I woke up,
I found the ship's cat was missing. She is my lucky charm and now I am afraid for the safety of my (9) _____ and my men.



5 Imagine you are the captain. Write a message to send for help.

6 Which places and times would you like to visit if you were on a boat? Write a list.

I want to go to Roman times in 750BCE.
