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WATCH OUT!

Kevin stepped off the **tram** and walked toward the ship, holding a package tightly in his hands. He had been hired as a **courier** for an important broker. All he needed to do was deliver a package to an office in New York City; the ship would take him there.

When he boarded, the ship was **congested** with people. As Kevin walked to his cabin, he saw the **exclusive** first-class section. Everybody inside was wearing fancy **garments**. He would have liked to **socialize** with the people inside, but it was against proper **etiquette**. People paid a **premium** for the **privilege** to ride in first-class.

Instead, he went to his cabin next to the **freight** section of the boat. His room smelled bad, and the floorboards were **warped** and **deformed** in some areas. He could also hear the motor humming as it waited to **propel** the ship forward. Suddenly, Kevin was **unsettled** by something, but he wasn't sure why.

He took a short walk on the ship's deck, but he still felt strange. That night, he suffered from **insomnia**—he couldn't **suppress** his **obsessing** over how strange he felt.

Kevin went back on deck. It was cold and dark outside. He looked **overboard**, but it seemed that everything was all right. "Just go back inside," he thought. Then Kevin saw it. A giant iceberg was sticking out of the ocean in the distance!

"Help!" he yelled.

People looked at him as if he was crazy, but he continued to shout until he saw the captain.

"There's an iceberg out there," Kevin said to him. "If the ship doesn't move, we're **liable** to crash," he said, pointing toward the iceberg.

The captain saw it and immediately instructed the crew to change the ship's direction. "Without your help, we would have definitely hit the iceberg. That would have been a terrible disaster!" he said to Kevin.

Kevin felt relieved. Now he knew to always trust his **intuitive** sense.

Reading Comprehension

Part A: Mark each statement T for true or F for false.

Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

- _____ 1. Kevin took a taxi to the ship.

- _____ 2. In order to get the privilege to be in the exclusive section, one had to wear fancy garments.

- _____ 3. Kevin didn't socialize with the people in the exclusive section because it was too congested.

- _____ 4. Kevin could not sleep because he had insomnia.

- _____ 5. If Kevin hadn't seen the iceberg, the ship was liable to have crashed into it.

Part B: Answer the questions.

- 1. Describe Kevin's room next to the freight section.

- 2. While he was on the ship, what could Kevin hear humming?

- 3. What did Kevin see when he looked overboard the first time?

- 4. What did the captain do when he heard the news about the iceberg?

- 5. What did Kevin learn at the end of the story?