

1 Read the text and number the paragraphs in the correct order. Then listen and check.



- a However, by the following morning it was clear that more than 1,500 people had died and that only about 700 passengers had survived.
- b It was making good progress across the Atlantic when, on the night of Sunday 14th April, five days after setting out, it hit an iceberg. A telegram was sent saying that the ship needed help.
- c On Tuesday April 16th, the headlines in the newspapers read: 'Titanic sunk, no lives lost' and 'All Titanic passengers are safe'.
- d The ship went down within three hours of hitting the iceberg. It sank nearly four kilometres, to the bottom of the ocean. Some passengers managed to escape, but there weren't enough lifeboats to save everyone.
- e *Titanic* was the biggest, fastest and most luxurious liner of its time. In April 1912, the ship set sail on its maiden voyage from Southampton in Great Britain to New York.
- f While the passengers in the lifeboats were desperately trying to survive the freezing temperatures, the nearest ship, the *Carpathia*, had answered *Titanic's* call for help and was heading at full speed to rescue them. It took the *Carpathia* four hours to reach the place where the ship had sunk.

Language tip

Compound nouns are made up of two or more words, usually noun + noun or adjective + noun. Sometimes the two words are separate, (*phone call*), sometimes they are joined by a hyphen, (*great-grandmother*) and sometimes they become one word, (*bathroom*).

Vocabulary

telegram: a written message sent over a long distance using radio waves that was used before the Internet and email