Read the story and answer the questions.

My father's grandfather

My name is John Paul. My father's grandfather was called John too, but his second name was Simon. Our surname is Banks. John Simon Banks was a sailor many years ago.

Dad has told me lots of exciting and strange stories about him. He went to work on a ship because he didn't want to be a farmer. His parents were sheep farmers and worked very hard for little money.

1. Who was John Simon?

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2. Where did he work?

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John Simon started his first job on a ship when he was only 15 years old. He had to clean the ship's cabins, and he helped the cook in the kitchens, too.

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His first ship didn't have an engine. A lot of ships at that time only had sails. Sometimes, he had to climb to the top of the mast, even when the weather was stormy.

3. How old was John Simon when he started to work?

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4. What was his job?

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He finally became the captain of an Australian ship when he was 40.

The ship was called Sea Lion. In our living room we have a barometer. It is the one from the Sea Lion. My grandfather gave the barometer to my dad, and my dad is going to give it to me.

5. What is the family heirloom?

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