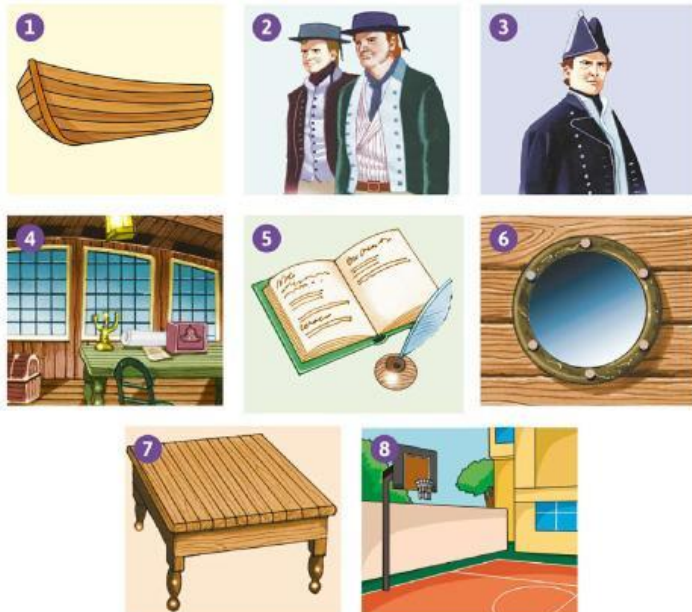


- 1 Remember the story. Look at the pictures and complete the summary.



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.

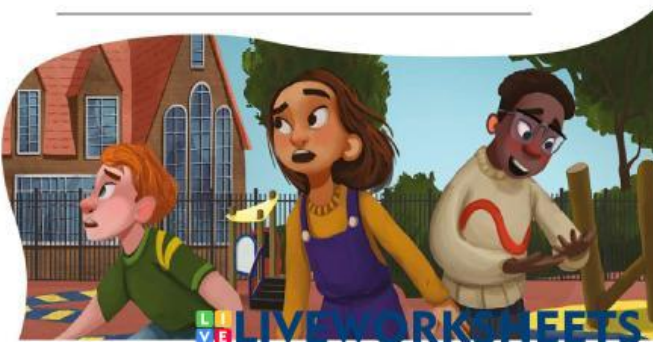
- 1 Where are the children?
They are on a big sailing boat.
- 2 Why does the sailor find the children?

- 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.
