

# READING WORKSHOP

## The Story of the Titanic

A1 Level

Past and Past continuous

In April 1912, a very big ship called the Titanic left Southampton, England. It was going to New York. The Titanic was a new ship. It was beautiful and modern. People said it was the safest ship in the world. Many rich people and some poor people got on the ship.

The weather was good, so the ship sailed smoothly across the Atlantic Ocean. People on the ship ate dinner, walked on the deck, and listened to music. Some people were reading, and others were talking with friends. Everyone felt happy.

But on the night of April 14, something terrible happened. The Titanic hit a big iceberg. The iceberg broke part of the ship. Water started to come into the ship very fast. Some people were sleeping, but others were dancing or eating when it happened.

The crew told the people to wear life jackets. Everyone was confused and scared because they didn't know what was happening. They ran to the lifeboats, but there were not enough lifeboats for all the people. Only about half of the people could leave the ship.

The Titanic sank after a few hours. It was very cold, so many people didn't survive in the water. More than 1,500 people died, but about 700 people survived because they got into lifeboats.

Later, a ship called the Carpathia came and helped the people in the boats. It took them to New York.

Today, people still talk about the Titanic because it was a very big tragedy.

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### Answer the following questions:

- Where did the Titanic leave from?
- What happened on April 14?
- What were people doing when the ship hit the iceberg?
- Why didn't all the people leave the ship?
- Who helped the people in the lifeboats?

