The Crew Onboard a Ship



Lesson Objectives

- Learn vocabulary related to ship crew roles (English-Spanish)
- Understand and use the Present Simple for routines and duties
- Practice all four skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing)
- Build confidence in real-life onboard communication situations

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Grammar Focus: Present Simple for Routines

We use the Present Simple to talk about daily routines and regular duties.

Structure:

Subject	Verb	Example
I/You/We/They	base verb	I work on the deck.
He/She/It	base verb + **s**	He starts at 6:00 a.m.

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Spelling Rules for 3rd person singular

- Add **-s**: work → works, clean → cleans
- Verbs ending in **-ch, -sh, -x, -ss**: add **-es**: watch → watches
- Verbs ending in consonant + **y**: change **y** → **ies**: study → studies

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Key Vocabulary (with Spanish Translation)

English Term	Spanish	Definition	Example Sentence
Master (Captain)	Capitán	Highest-ranking officer	The Master is responsible for the whole ship.
Chief Officer	Primer Oficial	Supervises deck crew and cargo	The Chief Officer checks the deck every morning.
2nd Officer	Segundo Oficial	Assists with navigation	The 2nd Officer updates charts.
3rd Officer	Tercer Oficial	Assists with safety and navigation	The 3rd Officer checks the lifeboats.
Chief Engineer	Jefe de Máquinas	Head of engine department	The Chief Engineer inspects the engine room.
2nd/3rd/4th Engineer	Segundo/Tercer/Cuarto Ingeniero	Assist in engine maintenance	The 2nd Engineer monitors the fuel.
Electrical Engineer	Ingeniero Eléctrico	Handles electrical systems	The Electrical Engineer fixes the lights.
Bosun	Contramaestre	Leads deck crew	The Bosun gives tasks to the ABs.
AB (Able Seaman)	Marinero Calificado	Experienced deck crew	The AB paints and handles ropes.
OS (Ordinary Seaman)	Marinero Ordinario	Junior deck crew	The OS helps clean the deck.
Motorman	Engrasador	Works in engine room	The Motorman checks the oil levels.
Wiper	Limpiador	Cleans engine parts	The Wiper cleans and assists engineers.
Fitter	Ajustador	Handles equipment fitting	The Fitter installs metal parts.
Pumpman	Bompista	Manages pump systems	The Pumpman monitors tank levels.
Welder	Soldador	Repairs metal structures	The Welder fixes damaged pipes.
Carpenter	Carpintero	Repairs wooden parts	The Carpenter fixes doors and panels.

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English Term	Spanish	Definition	Example Sentence
Cook	Cocinero	Prepares meals	The Cook starts breakfast at 5:30 a.m.
Steward (Messman)	Camarero	Assists in the kitchen and mess	The Steward cleans the tables.

Key Concepts & Content

Dialogue: Onboard Conversation

Characters: Luis (a new O S) and Peter (an Able Seaman)

Luis: Good morning! I'm Luis, the new Ordinary Seaman. Nice to meet you!

Peter: Hi Luis, welcome aboard! I'm Peter, an Able Seaman. Do you know your duties already?

Luis: A little. I know I help with cleaning the deck and assisting the officers. What time do you start work?

Peter: I usually start at 8:00 a.m. I paint the deck, handle ropes, and help during docking operations. It's busy!

Luis: That sounds interesting. What about the Chief Officer?

Peter: He begins early, around 6:00 a.m. He checks cargo and supervises us. He also attends safety meetings.

Luis: And the Cook?

Peter: Oh, the Cook starts even earlier—at 5:30! Meals need to be ready on time.

Luis: I see. Everyone has their routine.

Peter: Yes, life on board is very organized. You'll learn quickly!

Student Exercises

1. Listening Exercise (Based on Dialogue)

Task: Listen to the conversation and answer:

1. What does Luis do? _____

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2. What are Peter's duties?_ _____
3. When does the Cook start work? _____

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2. Reading Comprehension

Task: Read the dialogue again. Complete the table:

Name	Position	Start Time	Duties
Luis			
Peter			
Chief Officer			
Cook			

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3. Speaking Activity: Interview a Crew Member (Role Play)

- One student is new to the ship.
- The other is a crew member.
- Ask and answer questions about: position, start time, duties.

Example Questions:

- What's your job?
- What time do you start work?
- What are your daily duties?

Use Present Simple!

"I start work at 7:00 a.m. I clean the engine room."

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4. Writing Task

Task: Write a short dialogue between a new crew member and another seafarer.
Include:

- Greetings
- Job titles
- Duties
- Start times

Example Start:

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Cook: Hello, I'm the new cook. I prepare meals at 5:30 a.m. What do you do?
Steward: I help serve food and clean the mess area.

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5. Grammar Practice

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in Present Simple

1. The Chief Engineer _____ (check) the engines.
2. We _____ (start) work at 8 a.m.
3. She _____ (prepare) breakfast every morning.
4. They _____ (not/clean) the deck in the evening.
5. Luis _____ (help) the officers.

B. Make questions:

1. (you / start / what time?) → _____
2. (cook / what / do?) → _____

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