Unit 5 The Story of the Titanic

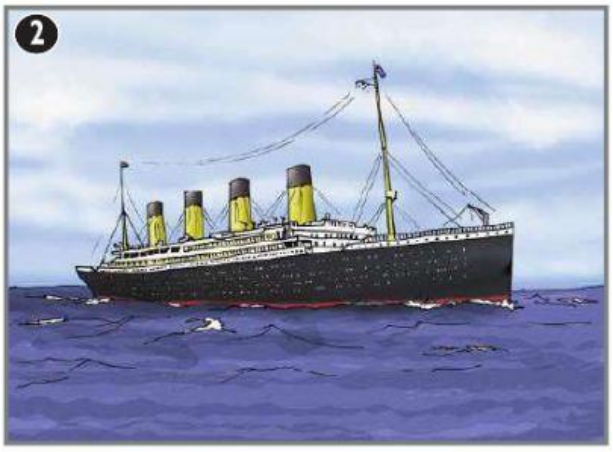
1 **Discuss the questions below.**

a. What do you know about the *Titanic*?

b. Why was it such a dramatic news story?

2 **Read the words in the box below and look at pictures A - F. Which words go with which pictures? Note them down in your exercise book.**

iceberg	set sail	two pieces	sink
lifeboats	rescue	Atlantic Ocean	drown



LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 **Read the sections of the story below. Match each section to one of the pictures in Activity 2. Then write the complete story into your exercise book. Underline the main sentence in each section. Give your story a title.**

a. The ship broke into two pieces and began to sink. At first she sank slowly, but then she went down very quickly.

b. Finally, the people in the lifeboats were rescued by another ship, the *Carpathia*. It took her more than four hours to pick everybody up.

c. The *Titanic* set sail from Southampton in England on 10 April 1912. It was her first voyage.

d. Although some people escaped in lifeboats, others jumped into the sea. However, the water was freezing cold and most of them drowned.

e. For the first two days, she sailed across the Atlantic Ocean on her way to New York. The weather was calm and peaceful.

f. Suddenly, late at night on 14 April 1912, the *Titanic* hit a huge iceberg. It was 30 metres taller than the deck of the *Titanic*, and most of it was underwater.

top tip

Narrating a Story

Before you start writing a narrative story, make a plan of the sequence of events. Ask yourself 'Who?' 'What?' 'When?' 'Where?' 'How many? 'How long?' and make notes of the answers. This will help you get the story clear in your own mind. Be careful to put the verbs into the past tense.

4 **Match the questions and answers below. Write the letters and numbers into your exercise book. Use the information to write a paragraph about the *Titanic*. Add some linking words to make your paragraph read smoothly.**

1 How long was the *Titanic*?	**a** More than 2,200.
2 Where was the *Titanic* sailing to?	**b** An iceberg.
3 When did the *Titanic* sink?	**c** There weren't enough lifeboats.
4 What did the *Titanic* hit?	**d** 269 metres
5 How many passengers were on the *Titanic*?	**e** Edward Smith
6 Why didn't all the passengers survive?	**f** 14 April 1912
7 Who was the captain of the *Titanic*?	**g** New York

5 **Turn to Communication Activity 1 on page 66 of your Coursebook. Work with a partner and carry out an interview about the *Titanic*, following the instructions given.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS