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Read the text carefully and answer the questions in full sentences.

## The Titanic

Titanic was the biggest, fastest and most luxurious liner of its time. Its owners were proud of this unsinkable marvel of engineering. In April 1912, the ship set sail on its maiden voyage from Southampton in Great Britain to New York.

It was making good progress across the Atlantic when, on the night of Sunday 14th April, five days after setting out, it hit an iceberg. A telegram was sent saying that the ship needed help.

The ship went down within three hours of hitting the iceberg. It sank nearly four kilometres, to the bottom of the ocean. Some passengers managed to escape, but there weren't enough lifeboats to save everyone.

While the passengers in the lifeboats were desperately trying to survive the freezing temperatures, the nearest ship, the Carpathia, had answered Titanic's call for help and was heading at full speed to rescue them. It took the Carpathia four hours to reach the place where the ship had sunk. On Tuesday April 16th, the headlines in the newspapers read: 'Titanic sunk, no lives lost' and 'All Titanic passengers are safe'. However, by the following morning it was clear that more than 1,500 people had died and that only about 700 passengers had survived

1. What was the Titanic ?	
2. Why did the ship sink ?	
3. Why didn't all the passengers manage to escape ?	

