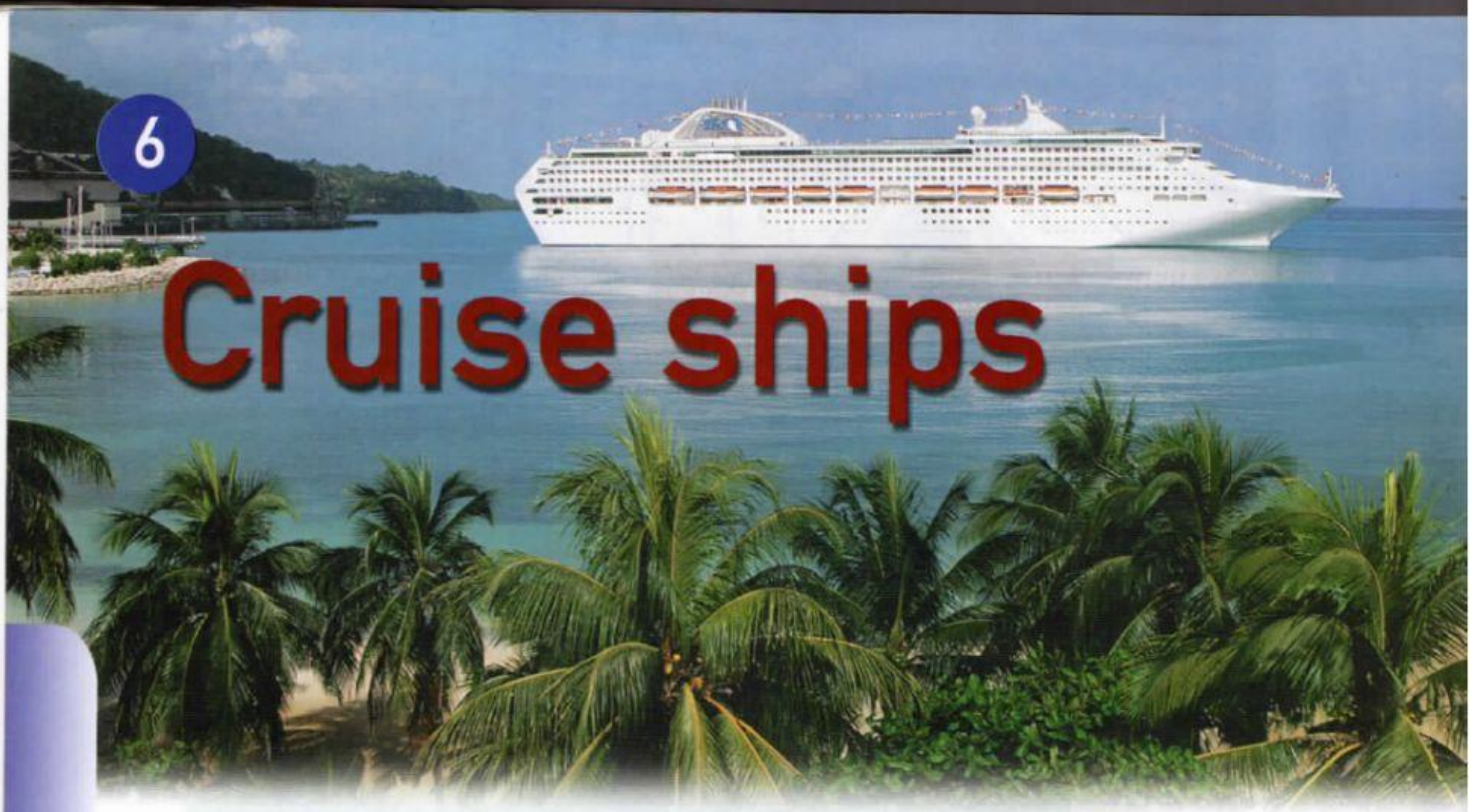


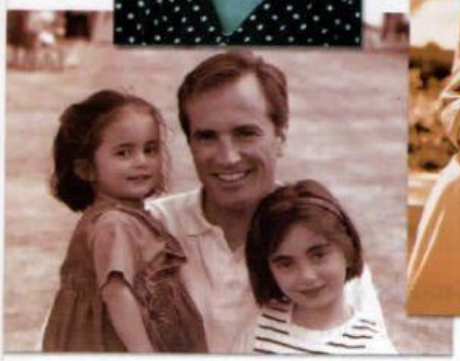
6 Cruise ships

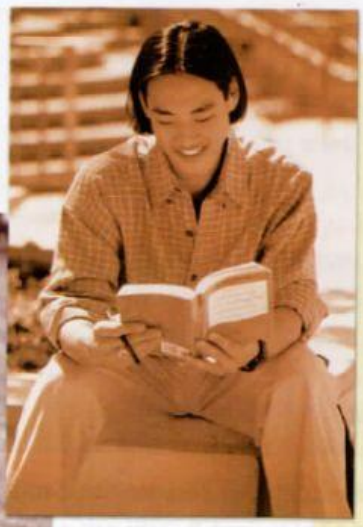
speaking **1 Work in pairs. What are the advantages and disadvantages of cruise holidays? Would your partner like to go on one? Where to?**

reading **2 Complete the magazine article on the opposite page with these headings.**

a) How do I get a job?
b) What kind of contracts are on offer?
c) What is a cruise holiday?
d) What is the pay like?
e) Who do the cruise lines employ?

3 Which of these people would be suitable to work on a cruise ship? Look at the text and give reasons for your answers.





Teresa Merrick: I was fifty last month. I work as a nurse in an old people's home but it's very hard work at my age. I've always loved my holidays abroad. I'm studying French and Spanish at evening classes. I'll talk to anyone and I'm a capable and reliable worker.

Mario Vega: I like to finish work punctually so I can see my daughters before they go to bed. I'm not a very sociable person – I like to work in my garden at weekends and watch a film on TV in the evening. I'm a very responsible person.

Martin Lee: I'm twenty-two and studying at university. I help in my parents' restaurant at the weekends. In my free time I love playing football, going out with my friends and partying. I like meeting new people. I'd like a job for the summer.

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Cruise month

The five most popular questions about cruise ship jobs

1 What is a cruise holiday ?
Cruise ships are floating resorts – complete cities at sea. A typical cruise ship has a dozen decks and hundreds of cabins. A cruise vacation is about fun, entertainment, service and worldwide travel. There are more than 300 types of job aboard ship. Imagine yourself travelling to places you've always dreamed of and being paid for it.

2 ..... ?
Students, retired people, career changers, 'people people' who enjoy working with others. Cruise lines are always hiring people with experience in hospitality, tourism, entertainment, restaurants and bars, teaching, child-care, sales, customer relations, fitness, health and beauty, healthcare, finance and administration. Cruise lines hire dependable, competent people with outgoing, positive attitudes.

3 ..... ?
Familiarise yourself with the cruise companies. Where do their ships travel? What facilities do they have on board? And most importantly, what kind of passengers will you find on their ships? Choose several jobs that interest you and compare your qualifications and experience with the duties and responsibilities of the job. Learn what you need to add to your CV. For example, study a foreign language.
Sell yourself! Target your CV and covering letter to one specific job and show how your work experience, talents, skills and education relate to it. Show how you can contribute to the passengers' cruise experience.

4 ..... ?
The cruise industry hires year-round and seasonally. Most employees work for six to nine months with one or two months off. Many departments need extra crew in peak sailing periods.

5 ..... ?
Cruise ship pay compares well with similar jobs ashore plus you save a lot of money because most expenses are left behind. On board ship your room and meals are included.

Adapted from http://www.cruiseserver.net

vocabulary Cruises

4 Match the words from the text with their definitions.

1 deck	a) money people spend while doing their work
2 cabin	b) floor or platform built into a ship
3 entertainment	c) on a boat
4 cruise lines	d) room in a ship where passengers sleep
5 fitness	e) people who work on a boat, ship or aeroplane
6 on board	f) movement across water in a boat or ship
7 crew	g) anything people watch for pleasure: shows, films
8 sailing	h) on land
9 ashore	i) companies that have a number of cruise ships
10 expenses	j) physical exercise to keep you healthy

speaking

5 Would you like to work on a cruise ship? What job would you like to do?

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