

Tugboats

Read the text and then click on the correct word below.

A tugboat is not very big. But it is very strong and very helpful.

Large ships come to their home in ports around the world. The ports are sometimes in rivers and bays with shallow water. In these types of waters, these ships have trouble moving about. That's when the tugboat comes to help.

Tugboats are small but they have very powerful engines. They have ropes and rubber siding. They can come close to the big ships, throw ropes and begin to pull them to their ports. If they bump into the docks, no problem! Their rubber siding protects them.

One thing tugboats don't do is go into the deep ocean. They are not designed for it so they stay in the shallow waters.

Thank you tugboats!

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| 1 Tugboats are very big. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2 Tugboats help large ships. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3 Large ships pull tugboats. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4 Large ships cannot move well in shallow water. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5 Tugboats have powerful engines. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6 Tugboats are not designed for shallow waters. | TRUE | FALSE |



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