

## Karen's letter

Oh, it has been a terrible time. The experience that I have had since I left you... If I had only known, I never would have \_\_\_\_\_.

Sunday evening, we \_\_\_\_\_ to bed about ten. At 12 o'clock, they \_\_\_\_\_ down to wake us up. I \_\_\_\_\_ what it meant when Adolf Humblen stood in front of my bed and \_\_\_\_\_ that I must hurry up because we hit an **iceberg**. I hardly managed to stand. Sigurd had to stand and hold me. Oh, Sigurd! He isn't here... He \_\_\_\_\_ so kind to me. I have almost cried to pieces... But it doesn't help at all.

When we \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs and went over the railing, the ship \_\_\_\_\_ **tilting** heavily. After a while, people began entering the lifeboats. Olaus, Sigurd and Peter \_\_\_\_\_ me up to the lifeboat. Just think how hard it was when I was to enter the lifeboat and they had to stay behind. I \_\_\_\_\_ to enter but Sigurd said: "Just be strong. It will all end well." That was the last he said to me.

I was the last who went into that lifeboat and there was only one lifeboat left. If I had waited any longer, you would have never heard from me anymore. Then we were **lowered**. The others had to stay behind. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I was there and that somebody else \_\_\_\_\_ be saved. Those were the worst hours I had ever experienced, and I hope I will never experience such a thing again. Imagine those cries! Those cries!

At 6 o'clock, we saw a ship far away. We came alongside at 7 o'clock. They \_\_\_\_\_ blankets around us but it didn't matter, I \_\_\_\_\_, because I didn't see any of my company. After a while, we went through a corridor. There was Olaus! You can imagine there was joy, but Sigurd and Peter \_\_\_\_\_ there... Many tears have fallen down on this paper.

### Use the information from her letter to match the sentence halves

While Karen was waiting in the lifeboat,...	the boat was tilting to one side.
When they came up the stairs,...	when the accident happened.
When Karen got into the lifeboat,...	when she entered a corridor on the rescue ship.
While the crew were lowering the lifeboat,...	Sigurd told her to be strong.
Karen found her friend Olaus...	Karen wished that somebody else could be saved.
Karen and her friends were sleeping...	she heard many screams