

READING

A Read the article.

Finding the *Titanic*1 What was the story of the *Titanic*?

In 1912, there was a tragedy at sea. A huge new ship, the *Titanic*, hit an iceberg¹ and disappeared into the ocean. More than 1,500 people on board died. For years, many explorers tried to find the ship. Finally, in 1985, it was found at the bottom of the ocean.

5 2 Who found the *Titanic*?

Robert Ballard, professor and famous ocean explorer, found the *Titanic* at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. He has explored the ocean for most of his life.

3 How did Ballard find the ship?

The *Titanic* was more than three kilometers underwater. But Ballard had something that
10 other explorers didn't have – a deep-sea vehicle² that Ballard invented, called *Argo*. This special vehicle used lights and cameras to explore the sea floor. There were no people on board *Argo*, so it could work all day and all night and send pictures to Ballard on the boat above. On September 1, 1985, Ballard and his team saw the first pictures of different parts of the famous ship, the *Titanic*.

15 4 Where is the *Titanic* today?

The *Titanic* is still in the ocean, and many explorers continue to explore it. But they have damaged parts of the ship with their equipment. They have also taken items from the ship such as jewelry, and have left behind a lot of trash. Ballard wants to turn the area into an underwater museum, where people can visit without damaging the ship. He explains that
20 we need to protect the ship and to respect the people who died in the tragedy.

¹iceberg קרחון / جبل جليدي

²deep-sea vehicle רכב תת-ימי / مركبة تحت بحرية

B Answer the questions about the article.

1 Choose the TWO correct answers.

What do we learn in paragraph 1?

- a. One explorer tried to find the *Titanic*.
- b. The *Titanic* disappeared in 1912.
- c. The *Titanic* was found quickly after it disappeared.
- d. More than 1,500 people died.
- e. The *Titanic* was a small ship.

- 2 Complete the sentences.
1. found the *Titanic* in the year ,
at the bottom of the (paragraphs 1 and 2)
 2. *Argo* is a invented by (paragraph 3)
- 3 Why could *Argo* work all day and all night? (paragraph 3)
-
- 4 Where was Ballard when he first saw pictures of the *Titanic*?
- a. in the deep-sea vehicle
 - b. on a boat above
 - c. at home
 - d. on the ocean floor
- 5 What THREE problems have visitors to the *Titanic* caused?
1.
 2.
 3.
- 6 According to paragraph 4, Ballard wants to make an underwater museum
- a. so people can damage the *Titanic*
 - b. so people can visit and not cause damage
 - c. so explorers can visit with their equipment
 - d. so people can collect items from the ship
-