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Read the article below about *Jewel of Muscat*. As you read, look for the answer to the following question. Why is *Jewel* a unique ship?

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## JEWEL OF MUSCAT GOES ON PUBLIC DISPLAY IN SINGAPORE

Over 1,000,000 people a year expected to view Omani ship

*Jewel of Muscat* went on show to the public in Singapore today. Her new home is the Maritime Experiential Museum and Aquarium, at Resort World Sentosa.

*Jewel of Muscat* is a replica of a 9th century Arab trading ship, which was discovered in a wreck off

the coast of Indonesia in 1998. *Jewel* was built in Qantab near Muscat using traditional tools and materials, with no nails or screws. Her wooden planks were sewn together with coconut fibre.

*Jewel* left Muscat on 16 February 2010. She sailed to Singapore via India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. Her

  
voyage was amazing because she had no engine, and no modern technology was used to navigate her. The crew steered her by the stars, and the kamal and sextant, old instruments that the Arabs used in ancient times.

On 3 July 2010, she was presented in a formal ceremony to the government of Singapore as a gift from His Majesty. Now over a year later she has been moved to the new museum.

There, she will help to educate thousands of visitors about Oman's great maritime heritage.



Captain Saleh using the kamal

## Answer

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Read the text in Activity 2 again. Then put the events below in the correct order.

a Jewel is presented to the government of Singapore.

b The wreck of an old Arab ship is discovered.

c Jewel sails to Singapore.

d Jewel is moved to a new museum.

e A replica ship is built.

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Find words in the text in Activity 2 that mean the following. Note them in your exercise book. Then make up sentences of your own using these words.

a to do with ships or the sea (para 1)

b accurate copy of something (para 2)

c make a ship travel in a particular direction (para 3)

d official (para 4)