

Activity 1 Reading Track 28

Read the text and number the paragraphs in the correct order. Then listen and check your answers.

escape, headline, newspaper, iceberg

The sinking of Titanic

- a Four days after leaving the United Kingdom, on the night of Sunday the 14th of April, the Titanic hit an iceberg.
- b However, by the next morning, the newspapers said more than 1500 people died. Only about 700 passengers survived.
- c Titanic was the biggest and fastest ship of its time. In April 1912, the ship left the United Kingdom to travel to New York on her maiden voyage.
- d It took three hours for the ship to go down after hitting the iceberg. It sank almost four kilometers to the bottom of the North Atlantic Ocean. Some passengers escaped on lifeboats but the Titanic didn't have enough lifeboats for everyone.
- e On Tuesday, April 16th, the headlines in the newspaper said, 'Titanic sunk, no lives lost' and 'All Titanic passengers are safe'. They didn't know what had happened.



LANGUAGE TIP

Compound nouns are made of two or more words.

phone call
bathroom
lifeboats
newspaper

Activity 2 Reading

Read the questions about the text and choose the correct answers.

- 1 When did the Titanic sink? a May b April c June
- 2 Which city was the Titanic going to? a Paris b Liverpool c New York
- 3 How long did it take for the Titanic to sink? a 3 hours b 4 hours c 5 hours
- 4 How many passengers did not die? a 1500 b 700 c 1912