

READING COMPREHENSION



"What was there in the Titanic?"

Have you ever seen the movie "Titanic"? Have you ever wondered what was there on it?

We investigated and found that there were 2000 passengers when it sailed from Southampton, but there were 20 lifeboats. So definitely there weren't enough boats for everybody.

Of course, there was an enormous difference between the travelling conditions among the passengers. For example, in first and second class there was a different library. There were many tables where passengers could write letters to their families, or sit comfortably to read or write on their diaries. For men, there was a nice barbershop. There was also a dark room with all the materials to develop photos because photography was a very new hobby. There were a gymnasium and a swimming pool with salt water too. If passengers wanted to relax, they could go to the deck, where there were many chairs to lie down and rest. On board, there were hundreds of men who liked to gamble, and of course, there were a lot of them playing cards or board games. Maybe some of them would go and smoke a cigar since there was also a smoking room on the ship. There was even a newspaper on board "The Atlantic Daily Bulletin". All the entertainment was there only for first and second class passengers, the ones in the third class had to find a way to entertain themselves. There were songs and some dancing.

A lot of pets were travelling with their owners. There were nine dogs, four hens and roosters, 30 cockerels, a yellow canary and the ship's cat named Jenny. Five of the dogs stayed with their owners in their cabins. After the Titanic went down, only three dogs and a canary survived the sinking.

Adapted text from BBC (2004) *Life a board* [electronic document]. Last retrieved on September 15th, 2016 from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/southampton/features/titanic/onboard1.shtml>

What was there in the Titanic?

1. sufficient lifeboats for all the passengers.
2. a little difference between classes.
3. many services for first and second class.
4. any chairs when people wanted to relax in the library.
These chairs were on the deck.
5. many men playing games and some
of them smoking.