

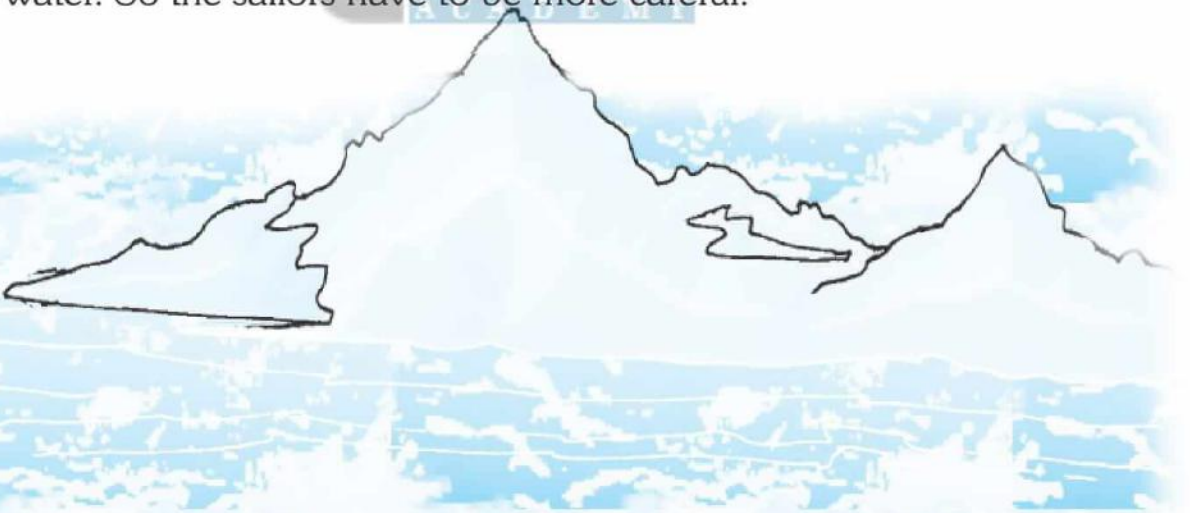
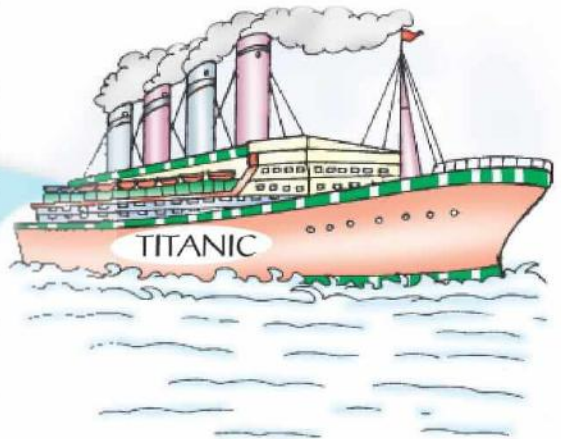
Chapter 2

The Unsinkable Ship

On April 12, 1912, the Titanic left England for America. Huge crowds of people gathered to see the ship as it left the dock. The Titanic was the largest luxury liner the world had ever seen. The people were gasped to see its huge size. It was built by a very famous shipping company called the White Star Line. They were very proud of the Titanic. It was called Unsinkable Ship.

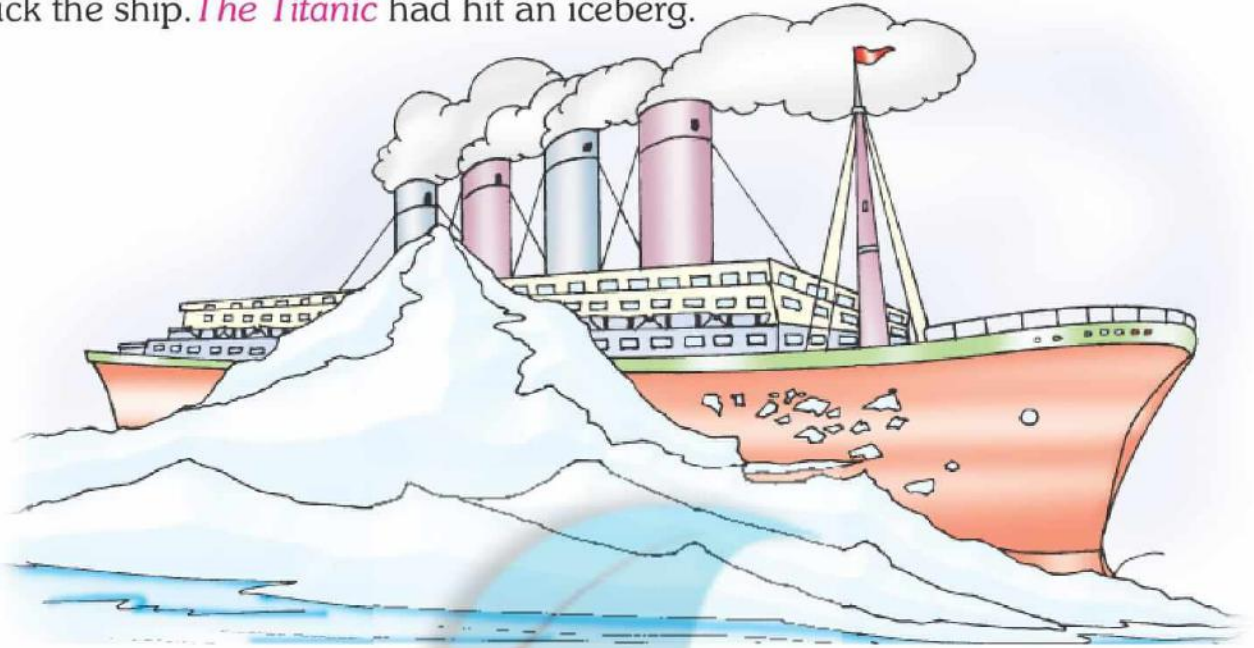
The people who travelled on the Titanic were excited. Some of them were playing games, some were walking on the deck and some were just standing and staring out of the never-ending blue sea. It was a real fast ship. It was believed that The Titanic would reach America much faster than any other ship.

On the way, the ship had to sail across a very cold sea. There were many icebergs in the sea. The icebergs are actually huge blocks of ice. Sailors have to be very careful about the icebergs because they can cause holes in the ships. The icebergs are sometimes very big in size. They may not be much above the water, but are much bigger below the water. So the sailors have to be more careful.



Teacher's Note: Show the pupils a movie on *the Titanic* – The unsinkable ship

The Titanic sailed for two days without any problem. But on April 14 tragedy struck the ship. *The Titanic* had hit an iceberg.



The time was around 11.45 in the night. All the passengers were getting ready to sleep when they felt the shaking in the ship. All of them came out on the deck to enquire about what was the shaking.

The ship's crew told them about the iceberg. But they also told them not to worry as the Titanic was the Unsinkable ship.

But the good time did not last long. Soon the captain of the ship, captain Smith made an announcement, "*The Titanic* is in trouble. It is sinking. We are trying our best to save the ship. But it is sinking very fast."

Hearing such words, the people started to panic. They all started running here and there, not knowing what to do. The crew rushed about trying to calm them down. The lifeboats were brought down and the women and the children were helped on to them. Everybody was so scared that they didn't know what was happening.

Radio messages were sent asking ships close by to come to their help. Many ships replied to the messages sent out from the Titanic. But all of them were at least four hours away from the sinking ship.

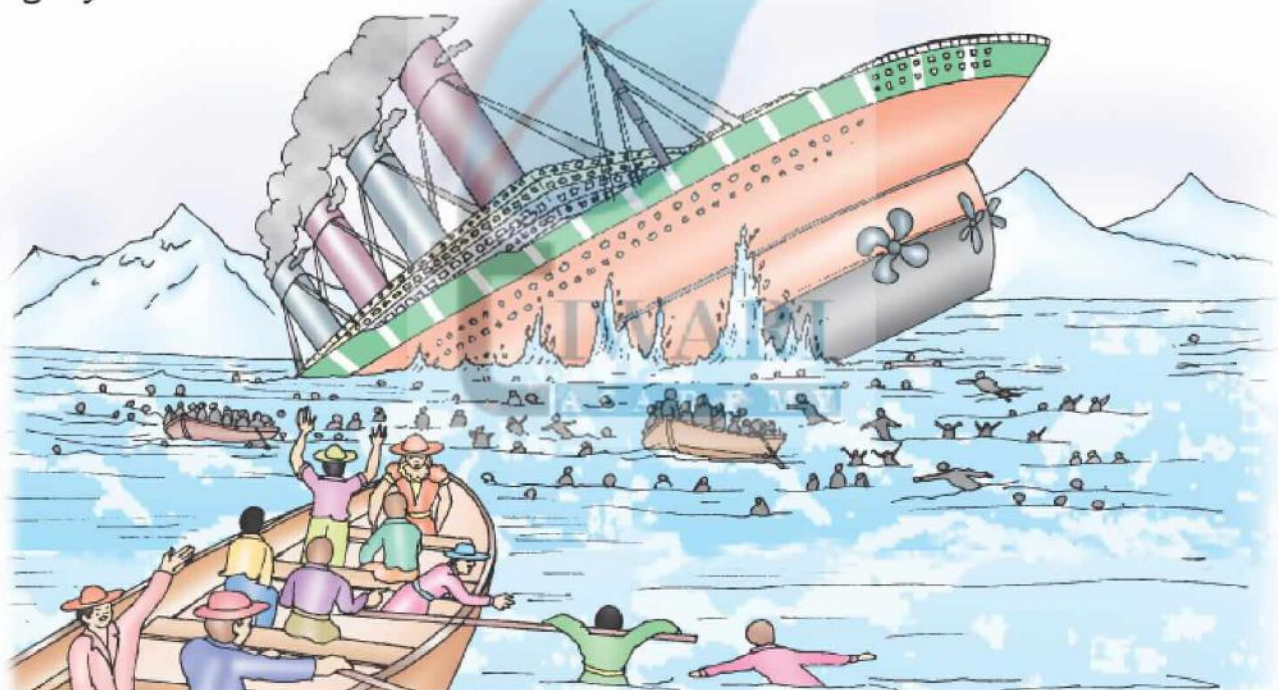
The *Carpathia*, a ship much smaller than the Titanic also got the message. It was sailing about 58 miles away at this time.

The captain of Carpathia decided to do the best to reach the Titanic. He told his crew, "Sail as fast as possible to the Titanic."

The Carpathia was going at full speed. What if it hit an iceberg ? But slowing down was not the answer because every minute was important. Exactly three hours later, the Carpathia, reached the exact position given by the radio operator on the Titanic, But, there was nothing to be seen. No ship, no lights, no lifeboats, nothing. The unsinkable ship had sunk.

Then, the Carpathia stopped there. The crew looked hard to spot some clues, some wreckage or even some survivors in the water. Soon one of the lifeboats were seen. During the next few hours, all the lifeboats and their passengers were brought aboard the Carpathia.

In all, 703 people were saved. But about 1,503 people had died in the terrible tragedy.



Then the Carpathia, along with the survivors continued on the journey.

Words to Learn

unsinkable
iceberg
lifeboats

luxury
sailor
wreckage

deck
tragedy
terrible

excited
enquire
journey

staring
crew
survivors

Skill Test

WORK OUT

A. Read these sentences. Write numbers to bring them in the correct order in which these have occurred :

- ☐ The Carpathia was sailing about 58 miles away of that time.
- ☐ The unsinkable ship had sunk.
- ☐ The Carpathia along with the survivors continued on the journey.
- ☐ The people who travelled on the Titanic were excited.
- ☐ The Titanic had hit an iceberg.
- ☐ The captain of Carpathia decided to do the best to reach the Titanic.
- ☐ The Titanic left England for America.
- ☐ Many ships replied to the messages sent out from the Titanic.
- ☐ There was nothing to be seen. No ship, no light, no lifeboats, nothing.

B. Answer the following questions :

1. When did the Titanic left for America ?
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2. Why was the shipping company proud of the Titanic ?
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3. What are icebergs ? Why the sailors have to be careful about them ?
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4. What happened to the Titanic ?
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5. How many people were saved ? How ?
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GRAMMAR

A. Find out the prepositions in these sentences. Encircle them and write down about its kind – preposition of time, place or direction :

1. The icebergs may not be much above the water *Preposition of place*
2. It was ailing 58 miles away at that time.
3. The ship's crew told them about the iceberg.

4. The Titanic had sailed for a little more than 48 hours.
5. The Carpathia was going at full speed.
6. All of them came out on the deck.

B. Frame questions for these answers :

1. On April, 12, 1912. The Titanic left England for America.
2. The people who travelled on the Titanic were excited.
3. Sailors have to be very careful about the icebergs because they can cause holes in the ship.
4. The crew rushed about to calm them down.
5. The Carpathia was a ship much smaller than the Titanic.

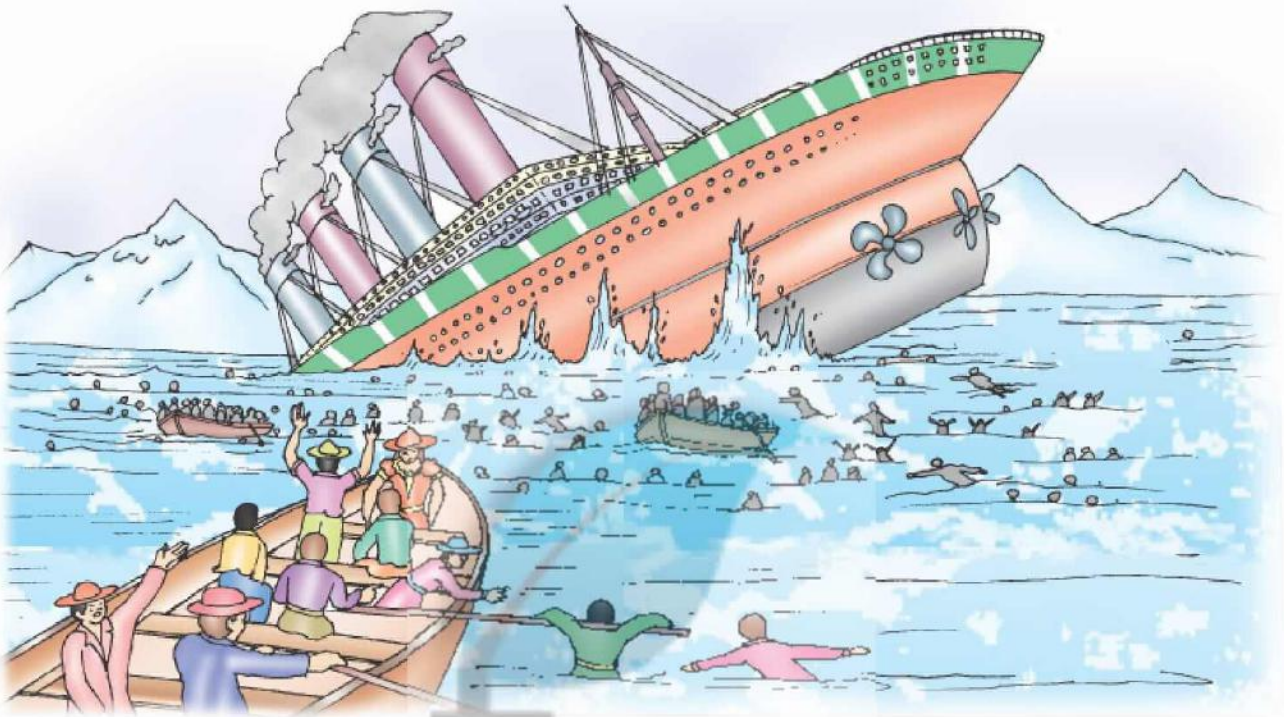
C. Some words describe sadness and some words describe happiness. Choose them from the box and write them in the columns :

excited panic sorrow tragedy
 miracle worry good sinking
 scared terrible glad

SADNESS	HAPPINESS
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COMPOSITION

Look at the picture below. Imagine you were once of the survivors of this tragedy. Describe it to someone else. How it all occurred and how you were saved ?



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