

# Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES  
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

[breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html](http://breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html)

**Thousands more free lessons  
from Sean's other websites**

[www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean\\_banville\\_lessons.html](http://www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html)

**Level 3 – 10th April, 2021**

**Titanic postcard could sell for \$15,000 at auction**

**FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:**

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

## Contents

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	15
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	16
Vocabulary	4	Spelling	17
Before Reading / Listening	5	Put The Text Back Together	18
Gap Fill	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	19
Match The Sentences And Listen	7	Circle The Correct Word	20
Listening Gap Fill	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	21
Comprehension Questions	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	22
Multiple Choice - Quiz	10	Put A Slash ( / ) Where The Spaces Are	23
Role Play	11	Free Writing	24
After Reading / Listening	12	Academic Writing	25
Student Survey	13	Homework	26
Discussion (20 Questions)	14	Answers	27

**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).**

**Twitter**



[twitter.com/SeanBanville](https://twitter.com/SeanBanville)

**Facebook**



[www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176)

# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could fetch \$15,000 at an auction in the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's senior wireless operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was at port in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very busy working late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard features photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many objects from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was a British passenger liner completed in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design made it unsinkable. It embarked on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit an iceberg. The impact made a huge hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew on board, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and ended up on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of exposure to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/titanic-postcard-up-for-auction-trnd/index.html>  
<https://www.9news.com.au/world/postcard-from-titanic-crewmember-to-go-on-auction/119ff469-b7bb-4153-ad75-3e2cad50d1e9>  
<https://nypost.com/2021/04/06/titanic-postcard-signed-love-jack-may-fetch-15k-at-auction/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. POSTCARDS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about postcards. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

postcard / auction / senior / operator / sister / port / message / address / object / passenger / liner / design / voyage / hole / water / lifeboat / rescued / movie

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. SOCIAL MEDIA:** Students A **strongly** believe getting a message on social media is better than receiving a postcard; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MESSAGES:** What are the good and bad things about these kinds of messages? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Postcards		
Letters		
Text messages		
Social media messages		
Telephone calls		
Answering machine messages		

**5. TITANIC:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Titanic". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. TRAVEL:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to travel at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Ocean liner
- Train
- Bicycle
- Airplane
- Bus
- Motorbike
- Car
- On foot

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| 1. fetch   | a. Older or more experienced people.                                     |
| 2. senior  | b. A spoken, written, or recorded communication sent to someone.         |
| 3. port    | c. Get money when something is sold.                                     |
| 4. message | d. The house number, street and town of where someone lives.             |
| 5. feature | e. Have as an important part of something.                               |
| 6. address | f. Things.   |
| 7. objects | g. A town or city where ships stop so people or goods can get on or off. |

## Paragraph 2

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 8. unsinkable | h. Very great.   |
| 9. embarked   | i. A large floating mass of ice that is in the sea.  |
| 10. voyage    | j. The action of one object hitting another.   |
| 11. iceberg   | k. Of a ship or boat that cannot be sunk.  |
| 12. impact    | l. Started on a (long) trip or journey.  |
| 13. passenger | m. A traveller on a public or private bus, car, plane, taxi, ship, etc., but not the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 14. severe    | n. A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The auction for the postcard will take place in America. **T / F**
- b. The postcard was written by a Titanic worker to his brother. **T / F**
- c. The postcard features photos of London. **T / F**
- d. The postcard is the only thing up for auction. **T / F**
- e. The Titanic's designers said the ship was unsinkable. **T / F**
- f. The Titanic hit an iceberg five days into its maiden voyage. **T / F**
- g. More than half of the Titanic's passengers died. **T / F**
- h. The man who wrote the postcard drowned. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1. written</b>   | a. started        |
| <b>2. senior</b>    | b. finishes       |
| <b>3. busy</b>      | c. serious        |
| <b>4. ends</b>      | d. things         |
| <b>5. objects</b>   | e. higher-ranking |
| <b>6. embarked</b>  | f. collision      |
| <b>7. voyage</b>    | g. left           |
| <b>8. impact</b>    | h. penned         |
| <b>9. abandoned</b> | i. journey        |
| <b>10. severe</b>   | j. hard at work   |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the ship's senior wireless      | a. made it unsinkable     |
| 2. while the Titanic was at        | b. objects from the wreck |
| 3. On the address side of the card | c. an iceberg             |
| 4. The card is one of many         | d. cold                   |
| 5. in a multi-                     | e. operator               |
| 6. builders said the ship's design | f. there is a postmark    |
| 7. It embarked on                  | g. flooded the Titanic    |
| 8. The ship hit                    | h. million-dollar auction |
| 9. water                           | i. its maiden voyage      |
| 10. died of exposure to severe     | j. port in Belfast        |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could (1) \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000 at an auction in the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ wireless operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was at (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very (4) \_\_\_\_\_ working late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard (6) \_\_\_\_\_ photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there is a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was a British passenger (9) \_\_\_\_\_ completed in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design made it unsinkable. It (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit an (12) \_\_\_\_\_. The impact made a huge hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew on (13) \_\_\_\_\_, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ up on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Leonardo DiCaprio.

*senior*  
*port*  
*features*  
*message*  
*objects*  
*fetch*  
*postmark*  
*busy*

*sank*  
*board*  
*starring*  
*liner*  
*exposure*  
*embarked*  
*ended*  
*iceberg*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

- 1) A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. could batch \$15,000
  - b. could catch \$15,000
  - c. could fetch \$15,000
  - d. could etch \$15,000
- 2) His message ends with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. word, "Love, Jack."
  - b. world, "Love, Jack."
  - c. words, "Love, Jack."
  - d. worlds, "Love, Jack."
- 3) The postcard features photos of the Titanic \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on once side
  - b. once one side
  - c. on one side
  - d. once on side
- 4) On the address side of the card there \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is a posted mark
  - b. is a post marks
  - c. is a postmark
  - d. is a postmarks
- 5) The card is one of many objects from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. billion-dollar auction
  - b. million-dollar auction
  - c. trillion-dollar auction
  - d. quadrillion-dollar auction
- 6) Its builders said the ship's design \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. made it unspeakable
  - b. made it unsinkable
  - c. made it thinkable
  - d. made it unthinkable
- 7) The impact made a huge hole in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the ship's hull
  - b. the ship's null
  - c. the ship's lull
  - d. the ship's mull
- 8) He escaped and ended up on an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. over tuned lifeboat
  - b. overt urn lifeboat
  - c. over turn lifeboat
  - d. overturned lifeboat
- 9) He waited to be rescued but died of exposure \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to severe cold
  - b. to several cold
  - c. to sever cold
  - d. to seven cold
- 10) The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Oscar-win in movie
  - b. Oscar-win nine movie
  - c. Oscar-whining movie
  - d. Oscar-winning movie

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

A postcard written (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Titanic in 1912 could fetch \$15,000 at (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's senior wireless operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was at port in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Titanic on one side. On the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the card there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ objects from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was a British passenger liner completed in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It embarked on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The impact made a huge hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and (9) \_\_\_\_\_, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of exposure (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a 1997 Oscar-winning movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

1. In what year was the postcard written?
2. Who did Jack Phillips write the postcard to?
3. What two words did Jack Phillips end his postcard with?
4. What were the photos of on the postcard?
5. What else will be in the multi-million-dollar auction?
6. What did the Titanic's designers call it?
7. Where was the Titanic going to on its maiden voyage?
8. How many passengers on the Titanic died?
9. Where did Jack Phillips end up after he left the Titanic?
10. When was the movie 'Titanic' made?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

- 1) In what year was the postcard written?
  - a) 1913
  - b) 1911
  - c) 1912
  - d) 1914
- 2) Who did Jack Phillips write the postcard to?
  - a) his sister
  - b) his brother
  - c) his mother
  - d) his son
- 3) What two words did Jack Phillips end his postcard with?
  - a) Take care
  - b) Love Jack
  - c) See you
  - d) Good luck
- 4) What were the photos of on the postcard?
  - a) London
  - b) the ocean
  - c) Belfast
  - d) the Titanic
- 5) What else will be in the multi-million-dollar auction?
  - a) objects from a movie
  - b) machines from a shipbuilder
  - c) objects from the Titanic
  - d) newspapers
- 6) What did the Titanic's designers call it?
  - a) beautiful
  - b) unsinkable
  - c) a miracle of engineering
  - d) stunning
- 7) Where was the Titanic going to on its maiden voyage?
  - a) London
  - b) Southampton
  - c) Belfast
  - d) New York
- 8) How many passengers on the Titanic died?
  - a) just fewer than 1,500
  - b) more than 1,500
  - c) exactly 1,500
  - d) about 1,500
- 9) Where did Jack Phillips end up after he left the Titanic?
  - a) in a piece of wood
  - b) on an overturned lifeboat
  - c) on an iceberg
  - d) in a dinghy
- 10) When was the movie 'Titanic' made?
  - a) 1997
  - b) 1996
  - c) 1998
  - d) 1995

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

## **Role A – Ocean Liner**

You think ocean liner is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, bicycle or on foot.

## **Role B – Airplane**

You think airplane is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): ocean liner, bicycle or on foot.

## **Role C – Bicycle**

You think bicycle is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, ocean liner or on foot.

## **Role D – On Foot**

You think on foot is the best way to travel. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, bicycle or ocean liner.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'Titanic' and 'postcard'.

Titanic	postcard

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• worker</li><li>• senior</li><li>• port</li><li>• message</li><li>• address</li><li>• wreck</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• liner</li><li>• design</li><li>• later</li><li>• board</li><li>• died</li><li>• movie</li></ul>
--	---

# POSTCARDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

Write five GOOD questions about postcards in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# POSTCARDS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Titanic'?
3. What do you know about the Titanic?
4. What do you think of postcards?
5. What do you think of a postcard selling for \$15,000?
6. What do you think of ocean cruises?
7. When have you written a postcard?
8. Do we need postcards when we have smartphones?
9. Would you like to go to an auction?
10. Why might someone buy objects from the wreck of the Titanic?

*Titanic postcard could sell for \$15,000 at auction – 10th April, 2021*  
Thousands more free lessons at [breakingnewsenglish.com](http://breakingnewsenglish.com)

---

# POSTCARDS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'postcard'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of ocean liners and cruise ships?
15. Where would you like to go to on a cruise?
16. Would you rather receive a postcard or a social media message?
17. What are postcards from your town like?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. Have you seen the movie 'Titanic'?
20. What questions would you like to ask the auctioneers?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Copyright © breakingnewsenglish.com 2021

-----

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

A postcard (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could fetch \$15,000 at an auction in the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's senior wireless operator. He wrote the card (2) \_\_\_\_\_ his sister while the Titanic was at (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very busy working late. Hope to leave on Monday and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard features photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the card there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is one (6) \_\_\_\_\_ many objects from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was a British passenger liner (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design made it unsinkable. It embarked on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit an iceberg. The impact made a huge hole in the ship's hull. Of the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 2,224 passengers and crew on board, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the Titanic. He escaped and ended (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of exposure to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                |               |               |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) written    | (b) write      | (c) wrote     | (d) writes    |
| 2.  | (a) of         | (b) at         | (c) to        | (d) be        |
| 3.  | (a) pert       | (b) part       | (c) port      | (d) pot       |
| 4.  | (a) arriving   | (b) arrives    | (c) arrival   | (d) arrive    |
| 5.  | (a) side       | (b) siding     | (c) sides     | (d) sided     |
| 6.  | (a) to         | (b) of         | (c) by        | (d) at        |
| 7.  | (a) completing | (b) completion | (c) completes | (d) completed |
| 8.  | (a) sinks      | (b) sank       | (c) sink      | (d) sunk      |
| 9.  | (a) guessed    | (b) calculate  | (c) estimated | (d) forecasts |
| 10. | (a) booted     | (b) brooded    | (c) blooded   | (d) flooded   |
| 11. | (a) at         | (b) down       | (c) in        | (d) up        |
| 12. | (a) had        | (b) made       | (c) done      | (d) won       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. ctefh \$15,000 at an auction
2. the ship's senior wireless tooeprar
3. and rivera in Southampton
4. His agesmes ends with the words
5. On the sddaers side of the card
6. many cbsetoj from the wreck

## Paragraph 2

7. a British seseangrp liner
8. It embarked on its maiden govaye
9. The ship hit an ecbrieg
10. the tsiteeamd 2,224
11. Mr Phillips naodadben ship
12. died of exposure to veeers cold

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) unsinkable. It embarked on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and sank
- ( ) died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and ended up on an overturned
- ( ) side of the card there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of
- ( ) words, "Love, Jack." The postcard features photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address
- ( ) lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of exposure to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story
- ( ) port in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very busy working late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive
- ( ) of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.
- ( ) in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit an iceberg. The impact made a huge
- ( ) The Titanic was a British passenger liner completed in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design made it
- ( ) many objects from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.
- ( ) written by Jack Phillips, the ship's senior wireless operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was at
- ( ) in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His message ends with the
- ( ) hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew on board, more than 1,500
- ( **1** ) A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could fetch \$15,000 at an auction in the USA. The card was

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

1. Titanic . written on a worker by Postcards the
2. card sister . the his He wrote to
3. The the postcard features Titanic . photos of
4. A from postmark office in a post Belfast .
5. one card is objects . The many of
6. completed liner British in 1912 . A passenger
7. its on voyage embarked Southampton . It from maiden
8. ship . The impact hole a the in made
9. abandoned Phillips water ship as the flooded in .
10. be but to waited rescued died . He

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could *catch / fetch* \$15,000 *at / of* an auction in the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's senior *wired / wireless* operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was *of / at* port in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very busy *worked / working* late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. *Hope / Hoped* you are OK." His message *sends / ends* with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard *futures / features* photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there is a *bookmark / postmark* from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many objects from the *rack / wreck* of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was a British passenger *liner / lined* completed in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design made *them / it* unsinkable. It embarked on its *maid / maiden* voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and sank *in / on* the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit *an / the* iceberg. The impact made a *huge / hug* hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew *in / on* board, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship *was / as* water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and ended up on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to *be / have* rescued but died of exposure to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie *star / starring* Leonardo DiCaprio.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

\_ p\_stc\_rd wr\_tt\_n by \_ w\_rk\_r \_n th\_ T\_t\_n\_c \_n  
1912 c\_\_ld f\_tch \$15,000 \_t \_n \_\_ct\_\_n \_n th\_ \_S\_.  
Th\_ c\_rd w\_s wr\_tt\_n by J\_ck Ph\_ll\_ps, th\_ sh\_p's  
s\_n\_\_r w\_r\_l\_ss \_p\_r\_t\_r. H\_ wr\_t\_ th\_ c\_rd t\_ h\_s  
s\_st\_r wh\_l\_ th\_ T\_t\_n\_c w\_s \_t p\_rt \_n B\_lf\_st,  
N\_rth\_rn \_r\_l\_nd. H\_ wr\_t\_: "V\_ry b\_sy w\_rk\_ng l\_t\_.  
H\_p\_ t\_ l\_\_v\_ \_n M\_nd\_y \_nd \_rr\_v\_ \_n S\_\_th\_mpt\_n  
W\_dn\_sd\_y \_ft\_rn\_\_n. H\_p\_ y\_\_ \_r\_ \_K." H\_s m\_ss\_g\_  
\_nds w\_th th\_ w\_rds, "L\_v\_, J\_ck." Th\_ p\_stc\_rd  
f\_\_t\_r\_s ph\_t\_s \_f th\_ T\_t\_n\_c \_n \_n\_ s\_d\_. \_n th\_  
\_ddr\_ss s\_d\_ \_f th\_ c\_rd th\_r\_ \_s \_ p\_stm\_rk fr\_m \_  
p\_st \_ff\_c\_ \_n B\_lf\_st. Th\_ c\_rd \_s \_n\_ \_f m\_ny  
\_bj\_cts fr\_m th\_ wr\_ck \_f th\_ T\_t\_n\_c \_n \_ m\_lt\_  
m\_ll\_\_n-d\_ll\_r \_\_ct\_\_n.

Th\_ T\_t\_n\_c w\_s \_ Br\_t\_sh p\_ss\_ng\_r l\_n\_r c\_mpl\_t\_d  
\_n 1912. \_ts b\_\_ld\_rs s\_\_d th\_ sh\_p's d\_s\_gn m\_d\_ \_t  
\_ns\_nk\_bl\_. \_t \_mb\_rk\_d \_n \_ts m\_\_d\_n v\_y\_g\_ fr\_m  
S\_\_th\_mpt\_n t\_ N\_w Y\_rk \_n \_pr\_l th\_ 10th, 1912 \_nd  
s\_nk \_n th\_ N\_rth \_tl\_nt\_c \_c\_\_n f\_v\_ d\_ys l\_t\_r. Th\_  
sh\_p h\_t \_n \_c\_b\_rg. Th\_ \_mp\_ct m\_d\_ \_ h\_g\_ h\_l\_  
\_n th\_ sh\_p's h\_ll. \_f th\_ \_st\_m\_t\_d 2,224 p\_ss\_ng\_rs  
\_nd cr\_w \_n b\_\_rd, m\_r\_ th\_n 1,500 d\_\_d. Mr Ph\_ll\_ps  
\_b\_nd\_n\_d sh\_p \_s w\_t\_r fl\_\_d\_d th\_ T\_t\_n\_c. H\_  
\_sc\_p\_d \_nd \_nd\_d \_p \_n \_n \_v\_rtrn\_d l\_f\_b\_\_t. H\_  
w\_\_t\_d t\_ b\_ r\_sc\_\_d b\_t d\_\_d \_f \_xp\_s\_r\_ t\_ s\_v\_r\_  
c\_ld. H\_ w\_s 25 y\_\_rs \_ld. Th\_ st\_ry \_f th\_ T\_t\_n\_c  
w\_s m\_d\_ \_nt\_ \_ 1997 \_sc\_r-w\_nn\_ng m\_v\_\_ st\_rr\_ng  
L\_\_n\_r\_d\_ D\_C\_pr\_\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

a postcard written by a worker on the titanic in 1912 could fetch 15000 at an auction in the usa the card was written by jack phillips the ships senior wireless operator he wrote the card to his sister while the titanic was at port in belfast northern ireland he wrote very busy working late hope to leave on monday and arrive in southampton wednesday afternoon hope you are ok his message ends with the words love jack the postcard features photos of the titanic on one side on the address side of the card there is a postmark from a post office in belfast the card is one of many objects from the wreck of the titanic in a multimilliondollar auction

the titanic was a british passenger liner completed in 1912 its builders said the ships design made it unsinkable it embarked on its maiden voyage from southampton to new york on april the 10th 1912 and sank in the north atlantic ocean five days later the ship hit an iceberg the impact made a huge hole in the ships hull of the estimated 2224 passengers and crew on board more than 1500 died mr phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the titanic he escaped and ended up on an overturned lifeboat he waited to be rescued but died of exposure to severe cold he was 25 years old the story of the titanic was made into a 1997 oscarwinning movie starring leonardo dicaprio

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard.html>

A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could fetch \$15,000 at an auction in the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's senior wireless operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was at port in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very busy working late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard features photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many objects from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction. The Titanic was a British passenger liner completed in 1912. Its builder said the ship's design made it unsinkable. It embarked on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit an iceberg. The impact made a huge hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew on board, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and ended up on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of exposure to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.







# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE TITANIC:** Make a poster about the Titanic. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. POSTCARDS:** Write a magazine article about sending more postcards than text messages. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on postcards. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on postcards. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. a    3. g    4. b    5. e    6. d    7. f  
8. k    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. j    13. m    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T    b F    c F    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. d
6. a	7. i	8. f	9. g	10. c

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 1912
- His sister
- Love Jack
- The Titanic
- Objects from the Titanic
- Unsinkable
- New York
- More than 1,500
- On an overturned lifeboat
- 1997

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Postcards written by a worker on the Titanic.
- He wrote the card to his sister.
- The postcard features photos of the Titanic.
- A postmark from a post office in Belfast.
- The card is one of many objects.
- A British passenger liner completed in 1912.
- It embarked on its maiden voyage from Southampton.
- The impact made a hole in the ship.
- Phillips abandoned the ship as water flooded in.
- He waited to be rescued but died.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)