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World's largest ever cruise ship sets sail

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The largest cruise ship ever has set sail. It is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and room for 6,988 guests. The "Wonder of the Seas" is the newest addition of the company Royal Caribbean. It set off on its maiden voyage last week from Florida. Its passengers will enjoy a cruise of the Caribbean. The company spoke about its excitement to CNN. It said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class features after a six-year-long process." It said the company's expertise and feedback from guests meant it could "create something truly awe-inspiring".

A shipyard in France spent three years building the ship. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever built. It is 306 metres* longer than the Titanic, but the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The ship has eight different "neighbourhoods" that will give guests different experiences. One is called Central Park. This has over 10,000 real plants. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a water park, a basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and 13-metre rock-climbing walls.

* Error: This should be 93 meters.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/worlds-largest-ship-wonder-of-the-seas-delivered/index.html>
<https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/2022/02/22/wonder-of-the-seas-worlds-largest-cruise-ship-to-sail-with-passengers-for-first-time/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. room for 6,988 | a. guests |
| 2. the newest addition | b. features |
| 3. It set off on its maiden | c. of the company |
| 4. The company spoke about | d. awe-inspiring |
| 5. world-class | e. guests |
| 6. after a six- | f. voyage |
| 7. feedback from | g. year-long process |
| 8. create something truly | h. its excitement |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A shipyard | a. plants |
| 2. It weighs | b. rink |
| 3. the longest aircraft | c. experiences |
| 4. give guests different | d. climbing walls |
| 5. This has over 10,000 real | e. 237,000 tons |
| 6. an ice-skating | f. theatre |
| 7. a 1400-seat | g. in France |
| 8. 13-metre rock- | h. carrier ever built |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The largest cruise ship ever (1) _____. It is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and room for 6,988 guests. The "Wonder of the Seas" is (2) _____ of the company Royal Caribbean. It set off on its maiden voyage last week from Florida. Its passengers will (3) _____ of the Caribbean. The company spoke about its excitement to CNN. It said: "We're (4) _____ guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its (5) _____ after a six-year-long process." It said the company's expertise and feedback from guests meant it could "create something (6) _____".

A shipyard in France spent three years (7) _____. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is longer than the longest (8) _____ built. It is 306 metres longer than the Titanic, but the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The ship (9) _____ "neighbourhoods" that will (10) _____ experiences. One is called Central Park. This has over (11) _____. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a water park, a basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and 13-metre (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CRUISE SHIPS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cruise ships 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **cruise ships** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
