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Level 1 – 10th April, 2021

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

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A postcard from the Titanic could sell for \$15,000. The card was written by a ship worker, Jack Phillips. He wrote it to his sister. He wrote: "Very busy working late. Hope to leave on Monday." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard has photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many things from the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was built in 1912. Its builders said it could not sink. It sailed for the first time on April the 10th, 1912. It hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean five days later. The iceberg made a big hole in the ship. More than 1,500 of the 2,224 passengers died. Mr Phillips escaped and sat on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued, but he died from the cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. sell | a. late |
| 2. written by a ship | b. from the Titanic |
| 3. He wrote it to | c. worker |
| 4. Very busy working | d. auction |
| 5. photos of the Titanic | e. his sister |
| 6. there is a postmark | f. on one side |
| 7. one of many things | g. for \$15,000 |
| 8. a multi-million-dollar | h. from a post office |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Titanic was | a. passengers died |
| 2. Its builders said it could | b. the first time |
| 3. It sailed for | c. iceberg |
| 4. It hit an | d. the cold |
| 5. The iceberg made a big | e. built in 1912 |
| 6. 1,500 of the 2,224 | f. be rescued |
| 7. He waited to | g. not sink |
| 8. he died from | h. hole in the ship |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A postcard from the Titanic (1) _____ \$15,000. The card was written by (2) _____, Jack Phillips. He wrote it to his sister. He wrote: "Very (3) _____. Hope to leave on Monday." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard has photos of the Titanic (4) _____. On the address side there is a (5) _____ post office in Belfast. The card is one of many things from the Titanic in a multi- (6) _____.

The Titanic (7) _____ 1912. Its builders said it could not sink. It sailed for (8) _____ on April the 10th, 1912. It (9) _____ in the Atlantic Ocean five days later. The iceberg made a (10) _____ the ship. More than 1,500 of the 2,224 passengers died. Mr Phillips escaped and (11) _____ overturned lifeboat. He waited (12) _____, but he died from the cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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nicwasbuiltin1912.Itsbuilderssaiditcouldnotsink.Itsailedforthefirstti
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ater.Theicebergmadeabigholeintheship.Morethan1,500ofthe2,224
passengersdied.MrPhillipsescapedandsatonanoverturnedlifeboat.H
ewaitedtoberescued,buthediedfromthecold.Hewas25yearsold.The
storyoftheTitanicwasmadeintoa1997Oscar-winningmovie.

POSTCARDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210410-titanic-postcard-4.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.

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) _____

