

Read the story and then do these exercises to check your understanding.

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1.  | All the passengers were enjoying the cruise.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2.  | The passengers complained about the weather.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3.  | The chief engineer was often in a bad mood.                    | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4.  | When the ship stopped, the captain drank his coffee.           | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5.  | The ship's propeller was caught on a big chain.                | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6.  | The propeller blades were damaged by the chain.                | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7.  | The place where the ship stopped was beautiful.                | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8.  | After they got the chain free it dropped into the sea.         | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9.  | It took only a few minutes to pull the chain onto the boat.    | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. | Finally the captain realised why the sea level was going down. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

### 2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the two sentence halves and write a–e next to the number 1–5.

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| 1..... | If the ship hadn't stopped,                      | a. | the sea level wouldn't have dropped.          |
| 2..... | If the engineer hadn't acted quickly,            | b. | the captain wouldn't have spilled his coffee. |
| 3..... | If the ship hadn't stopped in a beautiful place, | c. | the propeller blades would have been damaged. |
| 4..... | If the crew hadn't pulled the chain,             | d. | it could have been worse.                     |
| 5..... | If they hadn't pulled out the plug,              | e. | they wouldn't have found the plug.            |

#### Discussion

Did you enjoy the story?

Have you ever been on a cruise ship?

If so, did you enjoy it? If not, would you like to?