



ACTIVITY 1

UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Read the content for this topic then answer the following questions to see how much you understand about what you read.

1. What does the word seafarer mean?
2. Why do you think Australia depends on seafarers?
3. Which word in the text is the antonym of 'to bring in'?
4. List three jobs a seafarer may do.
5. Which sector would a seafarer be working in if they operated a tug boat?
6. What is one problem a seafarer may face in their job?
7. What makes seafaring such a dangerous job?
8. What percentage of the world's goods is not moved by sea?
9. What phrase is used to mean 'to get out of a bad situation'?
10. What is a ship's highest officer? (circle one)
 - a. Chief Engineer
 - b. Deckhand
 - c. Captain
 - d. Chief Officer



ACTIVITY 2

WORDS FROM THE SEA

Below is a list of terms that have nautical origins but are still used today. Match the words /phrases with their seafaring meaning and how they are used in today's language.

Word / Phrase	Nautical origin	Today's meaning
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Adrift	An ornamental figure placed on the front of a ship, under the bowsprit as a protective emblem or purely decorative purposes	To be very enthusiastic or over the top
Batten down the hatches	To capsize	a way of getting around a rule or the law.
Figurehead	Sailing in a manner so as to steal or divert wind from another ship's sails.	A tall building
Go overboard	Small openings allowing the sailors to fire small weapons to protect the ship	without purpose or aim
Keel Over	Not moored, at the will of the wind and tide used to describe anything missing or come undone.	to make someone feel less confident or less determined to do something
Loop Hole	A triangular sail set above the skysail to maximize the advantage of a light favourable wind.	a leader with no real power or function except to 'look good' or appeal to a certain group.
Skyscraper	the job of covering any openings in the deck when a great deal of water comes aboard	To die
Take the wind out of the sails	To fall from the ship's deck into the water	To make preparations, as in for a looming disaster



ACTIVITY 3

JOBS AT SEA

Choose one of the seafaring positions below and write an advertisement for a job vacancy. Use the headings to help you. Look at the classifieds in your newspaper to see some examples of job vacancy ads.

Job title; Employer's name; Outline of job role (full-time, part-time, permanent or a short-term contract) and purpose; Qualifications and experience required; Response and application instructions; contact details for example, address, phone, fax, email,

Engineers are primarily responsible for the safe mechanical operation of a vessel. Essentially, they are responsible for operating and maintaining a vessel's structure, machinery and equipment to make sure the vessel is functioning safely and effectively at all times.

Stewards are responsible for the cleanliness and liveability of crew accommodations and will assist the marine cook with ordering stores including food and general amenities.

Deckhand assists in berthing and un-berthing vessels, maintenance duties such as cleaning and painting and assisting with watch-keeping.

Tug Masters operate boats that assist with the berthing and un-berthing of large vessels particularly in harbours.

Salvage crew work to save a vessel/cargo/people from peril at sea or to prevent environmental pollution. Roles include deep-sea divers, crane-operators, naval architects and engineers.

The Captain is the ship's highest officer, acting on behalf of the ship's owner. The captain is in command and is legally responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the ship and to ensure that all the departments perform legally to the requirements of the ship's owner. Sometimes referred to as Master.



ACTIVITY 4

WORDS AT WORK

In Wordy News this week we defined the word REELING which was used in the following way:



In this headline the word reeling is a verb from the word to reel.

Reel can also be used as a noun.

In the following sentences identify whether the word REEL is a noun or a verb.

At the Scottish dance the band played a fast eightsome reel which had us in a whirl.

The residents were reeling from the shock of the massive earthquake that shook the city.

It was Sir Rowland Hill who first suggested the possibilities of a press which should print both sides at once, from a reel of paper.

When the fish bites you need to reel in the line quickly.

The reeling motion from the rollercoaster ride caused me to vomit.

The film unravelled from its reel and couldn't be viewed.

The old man reeled off many interesting stories from the past.

The surfer reeled when hit by a huge wave.





ACTIVITY 5

CHECK IT OUT

All the 'S' words are missing from the media release below about the littleBIGidea competition. Fill in the blanks using the words from the box below. Some words from the box may need to be used more than once.

Australia's brightest young thinkers could be jetting off to NASA's Cape Kennedy _____ Centre later this year thanks to a new Origin initiative, littleBIGidea, that aims to foster creativity and innovation in _____ from grade 3-8.

The competition, launched by Origin, aims to provide a platform for _____ to continue Australia's rich tradition of innovation which has _____ hot water, the black box flight recorder, the fridge and the bionic ear, invented and developed on these _____.

littleBIGidea judges include James O'Loughlin who _____,

"With new technologies being developed every day, it's a really exciting time to be encouraging the next generation of Australians to unearth the nation's next littleBIGidea, no matter how big or _____."

The Top 12 ideas will be _____ based on an exceptional demonstration of originality, creativity, practicality, imagination and innovation. The 12 finalists will be invited to attend the littleBIGidea forum in _____ this October to present their idea to the judging panel.

Three overall winners will win a trip to Florida, USA to visit innovative hotspots including the Cape Kennedy _____ Centre, Epcot Theme Park - Walt Disney World Florida and Ripley's Believe it or Not. Other prizes include \$1,000 in education grants for each of the 9 runners-up; \$4,000 to on energy upgrades for the 12 finalist _____; plus and tickets to an education conference for the teacher nominated by each of these _____.



ACTIVITY 6

NEWS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

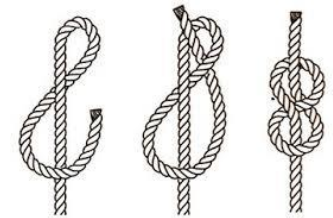
In Knots

When aboard the schooner South Passage sailors may be required to tie knots. Have a go at tying theses knots using a length of rope.

Figure 8 Knot

Pass the tail over itself to form a loop. Continue under and around the standing end. Complete the knot by passing the tail down through the loop.

Is a stopper knot to prevent end of rope sliding through a pulley.

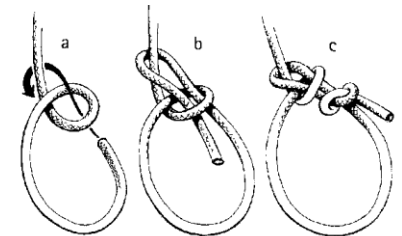


Bowline

Form a small loop in the rope (a).

Bring the free end up to and pass through the eye from the underside (a -the rabbit comes out of the hole).

Wrap the line around the standing rope and back down through the loop (b -around the tree and back down the hole). Tighten the knot by pulling on free end while holding standing line.



Makes a secure loop in the end of a rope
Used to secure a line to a ring or a post.