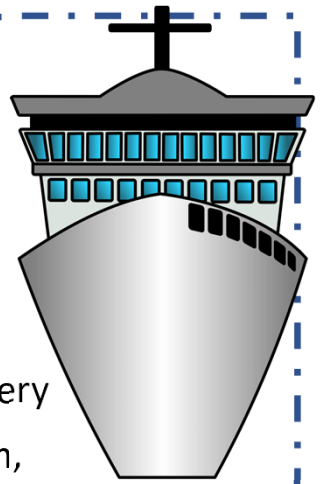


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The Cruise Ship Captain



Being a ship captain is like being the boss of a floating city. Imagine you're in charge of a huge ship that's as long as three football fields! This ship is called a cruise ship, and it's not just any ship; it's like a floating hotel with restaurants, swimming pools, and even theaters. Every morning, Captain Russell wakes up early. He puts on his special uniform, which looks quite formal. Then he goes to the bridge, which is like the control room of the ship. From there, he can see everything that's happening on the ship and make sure it's running smoothly. Captain Russell has a lot of important jobs. He has to make sure the ship doesn't hit any icebergs or other ships. He also has to check the weather to make sure it's safe for everyone on board. Sometimes, he has to talk to other ships on the radio to let them know where he's going.

One of the best parts of being a captain is that he gets to travel all over the world. He visits beautiful places like tropical islands and big cities. He also gets to meet lots of interesting people from different countries. But being a captain isn't always easy. Sometimes, there are fierce storms, and he has to make sure everyone stays safe. Other times, there are problems with the ship that he has to fix quickly.

At night, when everyone is asleep, Captain Russell goes back to his cabin. He looks at pictures of his family and thinks about all the fun things he's done on his travels. Then he goes to bed, ready for another day of adventure on the high seas.

Captain Russell also loves sharing stories with his crew and some of the passengers about his travels. He tells them about the time he saw dolphins and whales swimming alongside the ship or when he watched a beautiful sunset over the ocean. These stories make everyone feel excited about their next destination.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **A cruise ship can be as long as 3 of these:**
 - a. soccer field
 - b. baseball diamonds
 - c. football fields

2. **Where does Captain Russell go each morning?**
 - a. the bridge
 - b. the deck
 - c. the gym

3. **What does Captain Russell love to share with his crew and some passengers ?**
 - a. stories about his travels
 - b. his favorite books
 - c. his workout routine

4. **What does Captain Russell do when there are storms?**
 - a. sails faster
 - b. makes sure everyone stays safe
 - c. stays on deck

5. **What does Captain Russell wear?**
 - a. casual clothes
 - b. informal clothes
 - c. a special uniform

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. How do you think competing in the Olympics could impact an athlete's life?
 2. Why do you think athletes specialize in one sport instead of several?
 3. What is the process to compete in the Olympics?
 4. Describe a sport you would like to train for?
- How might the responsibilities of a cruise ship captain impact their home and personal life?
 - Why is communication skills for ship captains so important?
 - What qualities do you think a ship captain needs to have to be successful?
 - Would you want to be a cruise ship captain? Why or why not?
 - What do you think is the environmental impact of cruise ships?