INFOBYTES

FREE SAMPLES

Level 1 RA 7-8 yrs

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Unsinkable by Hilton Ayrey

TEXT STRUCTURE
Identify Headings and Trigger Words
(SharpReading Stage 5B)

In April 1912, the biggest ship that had ever been built set out on her first trip. She was called the Titanic and was built to be like a fancy hotel on water. All the latest ideas had been used to make her very safe. The bottom of the ship was divided into sixteen separate sections. Each of these sections could be sealed off if ever the boat started leaking. People thought that this ship would never sink.

After the Titanic had been at sea for three days, other ships sent messages to look out for icebergs. The captain of the Titanic didn't worry about it and kept on going through the night at full speed. Suddenly at 11:40 p.m. a large iceberg was spotted. The Titanic was heading straight for it. It was very hard for such a big ship to turn quickly. The Titanic crashed into the iceberg which made big holes in the side of the ship. Water poured into the ship.

It didn't take long to work out that the Titanic was going to sink. Many people in the lower decks were trapped as water filled the ship. No one on board was ready for something like this. To make things worse there were not enough lifeboats for everyone. The women and children were put into the lifeboats first and the men were left behind. But everyone was in such a hurry that many of the lifeboats were pushed off when they were only half full.

Just over two hours after hitting the iceberg, the Titanic went down. The sea had filled the front of the ship and it went under the water. Now water was pouring in through all the openings on the deck. As the front went down the back of the ship lifted up out of the water. It kept rising up until the boat was pointing straight down. Hundreds of people fell into the sea. Others held on to whatever they could. Suddenly the whole ship slid down into the water and sank to the bottom of the sea. Fifteen hundred people died in the icy waters that night.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

1. Select three tricky words from the InfoByte.
   Look up the meaning of each word and write it down.
   Use each word in a sentence to show you know what it means.
2. For each paragraph decide on a heading which tells you what the paragraph was about.
3. Draw a diagram with labels showing how the Titanic sunk.
4. Write a poem or a rap about the sinking of the Titanic.
5. Design a ship that is really unsinkable.
   Use diagrams and labels to explain your interesting ideas.

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In April 1912, the biggest ship that had ever been built set out for her first trip across the Atlantic Ocean. She was called the Titanic and she was built to be a luxury hotel on water. The ship builders had also used all the latest ideas to make her the safest ship ever. The hull of ship was divided into sixteen separate sections which could be sealed off if ever the boat started leaking. People thought that this would make the Titanic unsinkable.

After three days at sea the Titanic received signals from other ships that there were icebergs in the area. The ship's captain ignored the warnings and kept the boat steaming ahead through the night at almost top speed. At 11:40 p.m. a large iceberg was spotted. The crew tried to steer away from it but it was very hard for such a big ship to change direction quickly. The Titanic crashed side on into the iceberg and water poured into the holes that had opened up in five of the sixteen sections.

By 1:20 a.m. everyone knew that the ship was going to sink. Many passengers in the lower decks were trapped as the water filled the front of the boat. The crew and the passengers had not been prepared for something like this. Not having enough lifeboats for everyone on board was another problem. Women and children were loaded into the lifeboats first and the men and the crew were left behind. But everyone was in such a rush that many of the lifeboats were launched when they were only half full.

At 2:20 a.m., with so much water in the front of the ship, the front deck dipped below the surface. Now water poured in through all the hatches and openings on the deck. As the front went down the back of the boat rose up out of the water, higher and higher. The boat was pointing straight down. Hundreds of people fell into the sea. Others clung to whatever they could. Suddenly the whole ship slid down into the water and disappeared from sight. Fifteen hundred people died in the icy waters that night.

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On April 1912, the Titanic set off on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. She was the largest and best equipped ship that had ever been built. No expense had been spared to create a luxury hotel on water. The latest design ideas also meant she was the safest ship ever. The hull was divided into sixteen separate sections, each of which could be automatically sealed off if ever the boat started leaking. Many thought that this would make her unsinkable.

On day three of her voyage, the Titanic received warnings from nearby ships about large icebergs in the area. The ship continued to steam on through the night at close to full speed. At 11:40 p.m. a lookout spotted a huge iceberg straight ahead. Every attempt was made to change course but the size and the speed of the ship made this very difficult. The Titanic crashed into the side of the iceberg, slicing open five of the sixteen watertight sections at the front below the water. Water rushed into the bow of the ship and she began to tilt downwards.

By 1:20 a.m. it was obvious that the ship was going to sink. Many passengers who had been asleep in their lower deck cabins were hopelessly trapped as the ship filled with water. The crew and passengers had not been trained for such an emergency. Not having nearly enough lifeboats for the number of people on board added to the panic. Women and children were loaded first and male passengers and crew were left behind. But in the confusion many of the lifeboats were launched only half full.

At 2:20 a.m., two hours and forty minutes after ramming the iceberg, the speed of sinking suddenly increased. As the front deck of the ship went under, the sea poured in through open hatches and passageways. The front of the boat, now totally filled with water, sank down into the ocean while the back of the ship lifted out of the water. It kept rising higher and higher with hundreds of people desperately clinging to it until suddenly, it slid down, disappearing into the murky depths. Fifteen hundred passengers and crew died in the icy waters that night making this one of the worst disasters at sea.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

1. Select five tricky words from the InfoByte. For each word look up the meaning, write it down, then write your own sentence using the word to show that you really understand what it means.
2. For each paragraph decide on a heading which summarises the main idea in the paragraph. For each piece of information in the paragraph write down one word that will trigger the information for you.
3. Draw a diagram with labels showing how the Titanic sunk.
4. Write a poem or a rap about the sinking of the Titanic.
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At the time of her maiden voyage in April,1912, the Titanic was the largest moving object ever built. The ship was the length of three football fields, and had a height of more than twenty-five storeys. She was a floating palace, equipped with the ultimate turn-of-the-century luxury and technology. This included sixteen watertight compartments in her lower section that could be automatically sealed off in the event of a punctured hull. Because of these latest features the Titanic was considered to be an unsinkable ship.

Three days into her Atlantic crossing, the Titanic received iceberg warnings from other ships in the area. Disregarding these warnings, the ship continued to steam on through the night at close to full speed. At 11:40 p.m. a lookout spotted a massive iceberg immediately ahead and evasive action was taken. The tremendous mass and momentum of the ship made it very difficult to manoeuvre and the Titanic sideswiped the iceberg. Five of the sixteen watertight compartments were sliced open below the waterline on the starboard side. As water rushed in the bow of the ship began to tilt downwards.

By 1:20 a.m. it became apparent to everyone that the ship was doomed. Many unfortunate third-class passengers were trapped in their cabins below deck as the ship filled with water. The crew and all the passengers were ill-prepared for such an emergency with no training for an evacuation. The "women and children first" protocol for loading the lifeboats was generally followed and most of the male passengers and crew were left on board to fend for themselves. Even though there was hopeless shortage of lifeboats, in the mayhem, many were only half full when they were launched.

At 2:20 a.m., two hours and forty minutes after colliding with the iceberg, the rate of sinking increased dramatically as the Titanic's forward deck submerged and the sea poured in through open hatches, grates and passageways. As the bow filled with water and sunk into the ocean, the stern of the ship lifted up out of the water. It rose until it was nearly vertical with hundreds of terrified people still desperately clinging to it. It hung there for a moment then plunged into the black, murky depths. The loss of more than 1,500 passengers and crew in the icy waters made this one of the deadliest commercial peacetime maritime disasters in modern history.

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