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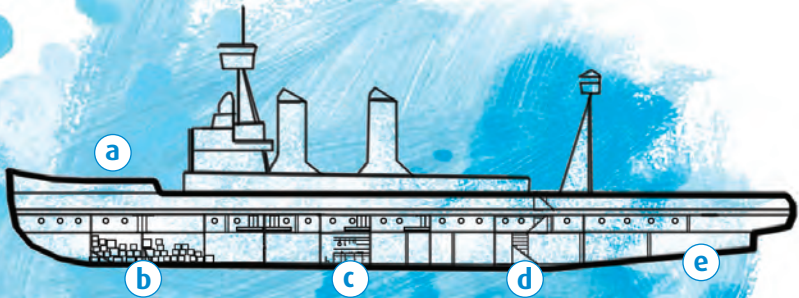
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BEFORE READING



1 *The Albatross* is the name of the cargo ship where different parts of the story are set. Look at this picture of a cargo ship and then use the words from the story in the box below to label the picture. Use a dictionary if necessary.


deck stairwell hold hull galley



2  These people work on a ship. What do they do? Write a definition with a partner. Use a dictionary to help you.

captain crew engineer

WHO	WHAT THEY DO

3  What is an albatross? Work with a partner. Write down some reasons why you think the ship is called *The Albatross*.

BEFORE READING



- 1 **MP3** Read and complete the following introductions to some of the characters in the story, using the words below. Then listen and check your answers.

soccer crazy Police Haven two Pip afternoon sixteen

a My name's Molly Mundy and I'm **1** years old. I come from a small town called **2**, which is on the east coast of the United States. I have a dog called **3** My hobbies include playing **4** and going for walks on the beach. I live with my father, who works for Haven Harbor **5** Apart from my dog, there are just **6** of us in our house, although my aunt often comes to visit in the **7**: my dad thinks I need a babysitter and that makes me **8**



retire sixty-five brother Levy engineer Greece



b My name's Leveros Andreas, but everyone calls me **1** I'm **2** years old and I work as a ship's **3** The voyage on *The Albatross* is my last one. After it finishes, I plan to **4** I want to go back to **5**, buy a small boat and go fishing with my **6**

1 “But that’s impossible”



The Albatross wasn’t the most beautiful ship in the world, but Leveros Andreas didn’t care. He was the ship’s engineer* and everybody knew him as Levy. At sixty-five and after almost fifty years at sea, this was his final voyage. He couldn’t wait to retire* and use the money he had saved to buy a house in his home town of Nikiti, in Greece.

He and the other two members of the crew* were sailing toward the harbor town of Haven with their cargo* of televisions. This was Levy’s first time on *The Albatross*, but not his first time to visit Haven. Years before, when his wife was still alive, he had visited the little harbor town on the east coast of the United States with her. Those were happy years.

Levy looked at the gold watch that his wife had given him for his 40th birthday. “1:14!” he said. Usually, he tried to be in bed by twelve; but Herman, the ship’s cat, was missing. There was a storm coming and he was worried. “I’ll murder that cat when I find him!” he said, shaking his head.

There was only one more place to check: the cargo deck*. He began climbing down the stairs to the lowest deck. He had almost reached* the bottom step when he stopped. There, in front of him, the door to the cargo room lay* half open. It was dark inside. Normally, the door was locked for security* reasons. Levy thought about going to tell the captain immediately, but then he thought about Herman.

“Hermaaaan! Hey, Hermaaaan,” Levy called from the door of the hold*. “Are you in there?” He pulled out his flashlight.

“Hermaaaan!” Levy called again. The flashlight shined only a few feet through the door and into the darkness, but Levy didn’t really want to go any farther. The truth was he was frightened of rats. This was one of the reasons why he liked Herman.

- **cargo:** things that a ship carries
- **crew:** people who work on a ship
- **deck:** area or level on a ship
- **engineer:** (here) person who works with engines
- **hold:** large area for cargo
- **lay:** (here) was; remained
- **reached:** arrived at
- **retire:** stop working because he was old
- **security:** safety

Levy stood still. The ship was beginning to rise and fall more quickly now: the storm was getting closer.

“Herrrrr-maaaaaan, where are you?” Levy called out.

The captain’s orders were that no one was allowed to go into the cargo hold but Levy had to find Herman. Hesitantly*, Levy stepped* forward but he touched something with his foot. He jumped back and looked down. An apple core* lay at his feet. At least it wasn’t a rat.

“Andre!” thought Levy. Andre was always leaving these things lying around. He pictured Andre’s face. “Large” and “stupid” were the words that immediately came into his mind. Andre and his friend, Carlos, were his two crewmates*. Although it wasn’t easy on a small ship, Levy tried to stay away from them as much as possible.

“I should get out of here,” he thought. “That crazy cat will have to find his own way out: I need to go and tell the captain about this door.”

“Kkkkeeeeeeeew!”

The sound came from somewhere in the darkness.

“Keeeeeew! Keeeeeew!”

The sound

What do YOU think makes this sound?

- **core:** hard part in the middle of a fruit
- **crewmates:** people who work on the same ship
- **hesitantly:** nervously; anxiously
- **moth:** butterfly-like insect which flies at night
- **path:** route; way
- **piled high:** on top of each other
- **stepped:** moved

“What was that?” he whispered to himself. He shined his flashlight into the darkness and moved toward the sound. The sound came again, only louder. Hundreds of boxes were piled high on both sides of him; but there was a clear path through them, like a river through a canyon. Levy’s mouth fell open. At the far end of the hold, a light came from a half-open door. “But that’s impossible,” he said. “There are no other rooms in the cargo hold.”

But there was another room and there was another light and it was drawing Levy forward like a moth toward a lamp.





1 Use five of the words in the box to complete the sentences.

leash breath symptom earth moth
treatment core glance

- a Molly had tried to hold her for as long as she could.
- b Her mother was having for her cancer.
- c Her father noticed that her hand was shaking: a typical of shock.
- d 'What on?!' is an exclamation of surprise.
- e The light was drawing Levy forward like a toward a lamp.

2 Create three sentences with the words left out in Exercise 1.

3 Put the phrasal verbs from the box into the correct tense to complete the sentences.

run out ring out hold on carry out turn up stand up

- a Aunt Ellie had noticed that we were of dog food.
- b They threw him overboard, but he on the beach. That's when Molly saw him.
- c Pip sprinted down the hill to the beach. Molly to her cap and ran, too.
- d He was standing below deck, documents in one hand, flashlight in the other, his usual inspection.
- e Andre and Carlos and left the cabin.
- f In the distance, the falcon's call

**P B1 Preliminary English Test Reading Part 5**

1 Complete the sentences taken from the book by choosing the correct answer.

- 1 Andre was always leaving these things around.
a lying b being c hanging d standing
- 2 'Perhaps I'll it to Nikiti one of these days, who knows?'
a get b take c make d leave
- 3 Molly sat in the back of the ambulance while the paramedic her pulse.
a caught b saw c took d changed
- 4 Andre whistled happily. Carlos, however, was from happy.
a far b different c other d hardly
- 5 The captain raised his arm and stopped Carlos's knife plunging into his chest.
a before b from c with d by
- 6 This was Levy's last voyage. He couldn't wait and use the money to buy a house in his home town.
a to retire b to retirement c retiring d for retirement
- 7 Today was Memorial Day and she was awake at exactly 7 a.m.
a never b wide c only d still
- 8 After her mother died, Molly tried to help as much as possible.
a for b her c with d out
- 9 'If the police him now, we'll spend the next twenty years in prison.'
a found b finds c founded d find
- 10 Carlos had told Andre to take care of Levy instead of it himself.
a making b doing c caring d taking