

Please can you choose the group name from the Word Bank:

fruits	boats	containers	herbs	blades	crimes
collective nouns	trees	occupations	fabrics	attire	books
confectionery	diseases	homes	bags	weapons	athletics
seafood	colours	crafts	entertainers	fowl	transport

1	bomb	rifle	grenade	revolver	pistol	
2	walnut	willow	cypress	laurel	beech	
3	knife	sword	dagger	sabre	hatchet	
4	scallop	cockle	lobster	whelk	mussel	
5	librarian	decorator	teacher	lawyer	doctor	
6	house	cottage	bungalow	apartment	maisonette	
7	sage	thyme	parsley	tarragon	mint	
8	date	olive	prune	sultana	aubergine	
9	chicken	pheasant	swan	goose	duck	
10	cotton	denim	velvet	satin	linen	
11	juggler	clown	busker	jester	conjurer	
12	measles	mumps	typhoid	malaria	shingles	
13	theft	forgery	burglary	robbery	mugging	
14	pottery	embroidery	tapestry	weaving	knitting	
15	bottle	barrel	flask	pitcher	jug	
16	chocolate	toffee	sherbet	caramel	fudge	
17	maroon	ebony	violet	magenta	crimson	
18	fleet	troop	herd	pack	flock	
19	coat	trousers	dress	shirt	jumper	
20	novel	atlas	dictionary	manual	thesaurus	
21	liner	canoe	dinghy	yacht	tug	
22	rucksack	holdall	briefcase	satchel	backpack	
23	hurdles	javelin	marathon	decathlon	discus	
24	aircraft	train	tram	car	coach	

Please can you match up the underlined words with a synonym from the table below?

sharp	enthralled	unfamiliar	retreated
commence	fortunate	scruffily	argue
exterior	stay	pondering	warily
significantly	noiselessly	chuckled	concerned with

She set out slowly, carefully and very quietly, in search of the clock. And as she came round the corner of the house, she saw someone else who was also taking an early walk on the outside¹ of St Oswyth's school buildings — a neatly built, shabbily² dressed man, with a cap pulled low over his eyes, who seemed interested³ in the open windows of the bedrooms. As Judy watched him, fascinated⁴, she saw him put his hand inside a window, open it wider, and prepare to go through the opening made, moving as quietly as a cat. Judy watched him silently⁵ for a moment; what was he doing at the windows at an hour when nobody seemed astir?

As soundless as he, Judy withdrew⁶ round the corner of the house, and slid in at the first open window to which she came. Quietly as she came, a girl in one of the two little white beds heard her, and she sat up. "What on earth — ?" she began.

Judy had a hand over her mouth in a second. "Sh! I'm not a cat burglar, but if you're slick⁷, you'll catch one at his work, I think, unless it is not too early for a plumber or a window cleaner to be getting busy."

Half unconsciously as she said it, Judy's eyes fell upon a bedside clock that stood on a little table by the girl's bed - the clock pointed to five-and-twenty to six. Judy giggled⁸. "That settles it. He's a cat burglar," she cheerfully announced. "Perhaps, as it happened, it's rather lucky⁹ that my watch stopped." She released the girl, who was a jolly-looking person, considerably¹⁰ bigger than herself.

The girl put on a dressing gown. The surprise about the burglar seemed to have driven out the lesser surprise of a strange¹¹ girl walking in at a first-floor window for she asked no questions. "Why don't we tell Miss Salway? She sleeps on this floor," she whispered.

"Go very lightly," Judy continued. "We don't want to let the cat burglar know that we are about."

The owner of the bedroom opened the door very cautiously¹² and peered out. "No one to be seen," she shouted back to Judy. "Come!"

There was no sound to be heard either. The burglar was living up to his title very thoroughly, it was plain. "I expect he'll start¹³ on the ground floor," the bedroom girl whispered consolingly, "because of the silver."

Judy stopped dead. "You go to Miss Salway, and let her know what's happened." She was off before the other girl could remonstrate¹⁴.

Judy did not know her way, of course, but she was finding it all right, and finding it very noiselessly. And all the time she was thinking¹⁵. Where was silver kept in houses where there was silver to keep? Judy was inclined to plump for the pantry, though, of course, a certain amount would remain¹⁶ in the dining room.

For the 324 first class passengers aboard the *Titanic*, their accommodation was like a floating palace. With all of the top four decks reserved for their use only, they sailed in lavish comfort. Each cabin, lounge and dining room was furnished to the very highest possible standards. A vast team of personal servants catered for the passengers' every whim. First-class travellers had the use of a gym, a squash court, a swimming pool, a Turkish bath, and a library as well unlimited access to fresh air on the top decks. On their first night aboard the liner, they would have enjoyed a sumptuous eleven-course feast in one of the ship's luxurious dining rooms. 201 first-class passengers survived and below are some of them:

J. Bruce Ismay 12/12/1862 - 17/10/1937

In 1907, as head of the White Star Line Shipping Company, Bruce Ismay was determined to formulate a effective response to the popularity of their nearest competitor's latest ships. Cunard had launched the *Lusitania* earlier that year, followed shortly afterwards by the *Mauretania*. These ships had set new standards in luxury at sea as well as being faster and larger than any that had gone before. Bruce Ismay decided that high speed, whilst desirable, was not the most essential element in capturing the immigrant trade which was by far their main source of income at the time. He decided to concentrate on designing the largest ships in order to maximise steerage capacity while making first & second class accommodation the most luxurious on the seas - he felt sure that this would attract the very wealthy and the prosperous middle classes on board. Ismay always sailed on his ship's maiden voyages and was on board the first passage to New York to oversee a smooth crossing of the Atlantic and to see if any improvements were needed. On the night of the disaster, Ismay selfishly leapt into a lifeboat 20 minutes before the vessel went down, knowing full well that there were still women and children on board. In the aftermath of the tragedy, Ismay flatly refused to accept any responsibility for the pitiful lack of lifeboats that ultimately led to the third largest loss of life in a peacetime maritime incident. Ismay would survive the disaster but was murdered by the press for his decision to place his life above those of his passengers. Later that same year, Ismay retired and lived out his days as a recluse in a remote cottage in Ireland.

Mary Fortune 6/5/1851 - 8/3/1929

A man in women's clothing was among the passengers in Mary Fortune's lifeboat, who survived along with her three daughters. Her husband and son were lost. Ironically, when they left on the sixth boat The sisters handed over all their money to Charlie, their brother, for safe keeping as they feared someone might steal it. The prevailing opinion was that the *Titanic* would float for many hours, and that certainly within six hours time the *Carpathia* would arrive to take off those who were left on board. They had scarcely drawn away, however, when the big ship started to keel steeply, and they watched in horror as the colossal ship heaved over and sank.

Archibald Gracie 17/1/1859 - 4/12/1912

Col. Gracie is believed to have been the last survivor of the *Titanic* to leave the ship. After dinner on the evening of Sunday the 14th April, Gracie retired early to his cabin and after about three hours sleep, he was awakened by a jolt. He could hear steam escaping and there was no sound of machinery running. Realising that something was wrong, Gracie made his way to the boat deck. At the foot of the stairs there were a number of male passengers who had also been disturbed by the jolt. This was when he learned that the ship had collided with an iceberg, he also learned that the mailroom was flooding and the postal clerks were busy moving two hundred bags of registered mail. Gracie was soon joined by some ladies, and at this time they all noticed a tilt in the deck. Realising that the situation was worsening, they returned to their cabins and hastily packed all their possessions large bags ready to be transferred to another ship. The crew were insisting that all passengers must put on their lifejackets by this time and Gracie helped the stewards load as many women and children that they could into lifeboats. Sixteen of the lifeboats were full and there were 4 collapsible ones left; Gracie and the crew had just finished lowering women and children into them when the ship's bridge went underwater at 02:15. Gracie jumped deep into the icy waters and with the aid of his lifejacket, managed to swim over to lifeboat number ten and with a little help eventually succeeded in clambering aboard.

1 In which year did Cunard first launch the *Lusitania*?

- A 1907.
 - B 1912.
 - C 1908.
 - D 1937.
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2 What was the largest source of income for the shipping giants in the early 1900s?

- A The vast amounts of cargo that were regularly shipped between continents.
 - B The income from the vast numbers of passengers choosing to emigrate.
 - C Wealthy landowners travelling the world in luxury.
 - D The income received from the government each time a new speed record was set.
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3 Why was the owner of the Titanic on board for its maiden voyage?

- A In order to generate publicity for the White Star Line company.
 - B To take his family on holiday and to show them how luxurious the liner was.
 - C To impress his new bride with his latest floating palace.
 - D To make sure at first hand that ship's first voyage was successful.
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4 How many members were there in the Fortune family?

- A Four.
- B Five.
- C Six.
- D Three.

5 What was Bruce Ismay guilty of on the night of the sinking of the *Titanic*?

- A He tried to overrule the ship's Captain and ordered that he increase the liner's speed.
- B He blatantly ignored the traditional maritime custom of allowing women and children to be rescued before men and put himself first.
- C He posted himself on the lower decks and armed with a revolver, forced all the third-class passengers to stay in their cabins which would mean they would be certain to drown.
- D He locked all the gates on the boat deck which prevented the women and children in second-class gaining access to the lifeboats.

6 How many sacks of mail were in danger of being submerged in sea water?

- A Two hundred.
- B One thousand.
- C Three thousand.
- D Over two hundred and fifty.

7 Which word or phrase best describes Bruce Ismay's character after his early retirement?

- A Sociable.
- B Adventurous.
- C Ambitious.
- D Reclusive.

8 How many lifeboats were there in total on the *Titanic*?

- A Sixteen.
- B Four.
- C Twenty.
- D Twelve.

9 Which of the following statements is true?

Option 1 First-class passengers enjoyed exclusive access to the top four decks.

Option 2 Bruce Ismay's ambition was to own the fastest liners in the world.

Option 3 Passengers in first-class would have enjoyed a delicious four course dinner on their first evening at sea.

Option 4 Colonel Archibald Gracie was just 43 years old when he died.

A Option 1 only.

B Options 1 and 2.

C Options 2 and 3.

D Options 2 and 4.

10 Which of the following statements is true?

Option 1 White Star Line's biggest rival was Cunard.

Option 2 123 first-class passengers lost their lives in the *Titanic* disaster.

Option 3 The sinking of the *Titanic* resulted in the largest ever loss of life at sea.

Option 4 The newspapers were sympathetic to Ismay's claim that there were no women or children waiting to be placed in the lifeboat at the time that he jumped in.

A Options 1 and 4.

B Option 2 only.

C Options 1 and 2.

D Options 3 and 4.

Answers

Groups

1	weapons
2	trees
3	blades
4	seafood
5	occupations
6	homes
7	herbs
8	fruits
9	fowl
10	fabrics
11	entertainers
12	diseases
13	crimes
14	crafts
15	containers
16	confectionery
17	colours
18	collective nouns
19	attire
20	books
21	boats
22	bags
23	athletics
24	transport

Words

1	ample
2	accurate
3	accuse
4	acorn
5	adder
6	adhere
7	alert
8	ally
9	alter
10	amble
11	abundant
12	ancestor
13	ancient
14	annual
15	anxious
16	architect
17	assemble
18	attempt
19	audible
20	aviary

Synonyms in context

1	exterior
2	scruffily
3	concerned with
4	enthralled
5	noiselessly
6	retreated
7	sharp
8	chuckled
9	fortunate
10	significantly
11	unfamiliar
12	warily
13	commence
14	argue
15	pondering
16	stay

Comprehension

1	A
2	B
3	D
4	C
5	B
6	A
7	D
8	C
9	A
10	C