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World's largest ever cruise ship sets sail

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THE ARTICLE

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The largest cruise ship ever made has set sail. The ship is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and has room for 6,988 guests. Its name is Wonder of the Seas. It is the newest addition to the ships owned by the company Royal Caribbean. It set off on its maiden voyage last week from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA. The lucky passengers will enjoy a cruise of the Caribbean islands. A company official spoke about his excitement to CNN Travel. He said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class features after a six-year-long process." He said the company's expertise and feedback from guests meant the company could "create something truly awe-inspiring".

It took a shipyard in France three years to build the enormous ship. It is an impressive vessel. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever built and 306 metres* longer than the Titanic. Surprisingly, the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The new cruise ship has eight different "neighbourhoods". These are areas of the ship that will give guests different experiences. One is called Central Park, which is filled with over 10,000 real plants. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a children's water park, a full-size basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and two 13-metre rock-climbing walls.

* Error: This should be 93 meters.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/worlds-largest-ship-wonder-of-the-seas-delivered/index.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. CRUISE SHIPS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cruise ships. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

cruise ship / set sail / guests / voyage / passenger / Caribbean / the world / feedback shipyard / impressive / vessel / aircraft carrier / experiences / water park / basketball

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CRUISE: Students A **strongly** believe a cruise is more fun than a luxury train journey; Students B **strongly** believe a train journey is better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SHIPS: What do you know about these ships (and boats)? What would it be like to work on them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Working on the Ship
Cruise ship		
Oil tanker		
Aircraft carrier		
Container ship		
Fishing boat		
Rescue boat		

5. GUEST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "guest". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CRUISE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do on a cruise at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Sunbathe
- Meet other guests
- Sightsee
- Meet the captain
- Eat
- Fish
- Swim
- Read

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. set sail | a. A traveller on a ship, train, or in a taxi, car, bus, etc. but not the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 2. deck | b. A feeling of being amazed by something impressive or frightening. |
| 3. addition | c. When a boat or ship starts its journey (trip). |
| 4. voyage | d. A floor of a ship that stretches for the full length of the ship. |
| 5. passenger | e. A long journey (trip) by sea or in space |
| 6. expertise | f. Great, great skill or knowledge in a particular field. |
| 7. awe-inspiring | g. A person or thing added or joined. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. enormous | h. A place or piece of equipment provided for a particular purpose. |
| 9. impressive | i. A living (green) thing like a tree, shrub, herb, grass, fern, or moss. |
| 10. vessel | j. A district or community. |
| 11. neighbourhood | k. Very, very big. |
| 12. plant | l. A machine designed to provide a realistic copy of the controls and operation of an airplane or other complex system. |
| 13. facility | m. Creating admiration through size, quality, or skill. |
| 14. simulator | n. A ship or large boat. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The cruise ship in the story is over 360 metres long. **T / F**
2. The name of the company that owns the ship is Caribbean Royal. **T / F**
3. The ship is heading to Florida as its first destination. **T / F**
4. Feedback from guests allowed the company to make a better ship. **T / F**
5. It took three years to build the cruise ship. **T / F**
6. The cruise ship is 30 metres longer than the Titanic. **T / F**
7. There is an area on the ship called Central Park with 10,000+ plants. **T / F**
8. The ship has 13 rock-climbing walls. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. addition | a. huge |
| 2. voyage | b. ship or boat |
| 3. features | c. breathtaking |
| 4. expertise | d. journey |
| 5. awe-inspiring | e. comprise |
| 6. enormous | f. inclusion |
| 7. vessel | g. cinema |
| 8. built | h. skill |
| 9. include | i. constructed |
| 10. theatre | j. attractions |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. The largest cruise ship ever made has | a. carrier ever built |
| 2. It is the newest addition | b. class features |
| 3. It set off on its maiden | c. truly awe-inspiring |
| 4. world- | d. tons |
| 5. the company could create something | e. rink |
| 6. It took a shipyard in France three years | f. to the ships |
| 7. It weighs 237,000 | g. walls |
| 8. the longest aircraft | h. voyage last week |
| 9. an ice-skating | i. to build the enormous ship |
| 10. two 13-metre rock-climbing | j. set sail |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship.html>

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introduce
voyage
room
truly
cruise
set
process
addition

It took a shipyard in France three years to build the (9) _____ ship. It is an impressive vessel. It (10) _____ 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever (11) _____ and 306 metres longer than the Titanic. Surprisingly, the Titanic was 1.8kph (12) _____. The new cruise ship has eight different "neighbourhoods". These are areas of the ship that will give guests different (13) _____. One is called Central Park, which is filled with over 10,000 real (14) _____. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a children's water park, a full-size basketball (15) _____, an ice-skating (16) _____, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and two 13-metre rock-climbing walls.

plants
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enormous
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faster

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The largest cruise ship ever made _____
 - a. has let sail
 - b. has set sail
 - c. has bet sail
 - d. has met sail
- 2) The ship is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and has room _____
 - a. for 6,988 guest
 - b. for 6,988 gusts
 - c. for 6,988 jests
 - d. for 6,988 guests
- 3) The lucky passengers will enjoy a cruise of _____
 - a. the Caribbean island
 - b. the Caribbean islands
 - c. a Caribbean islands
 - d. those Caribbean islands
- 4) the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class features after a six-_____
 - a. year-long process
 - b. years-long process
 - c. year-longer process
 - d. year-long processes
- 5) feedback from guests meant the company could create something _____
 - a. truly awe-inspiring
 - b. truly or-inspiring
 - c. truly yore-inspiring
 - d. true leer-inspiring
- 6) It took a shipyard in France three years to build _____
 - a. the enormous shipped
 - b. the enormous ships
 - c. the enormous shipper
 - d. the enormous ship
- 7) It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft _____
 - a. carrier ever build
 - b. carrion ever built
 - c. carry ya ever built
 - d. carrier ever built
- 8) These are areas of the ship that will give _____
 - a. guests different experience
 - b. guests different experiences
 - c. guests difference experiences
 - d. guests differ rent experiences
- 9) One is called Central Park, which is filled with over _____
 - a. 10,000 real pants
 - b. 10,000 real plants
 - c. 10,000 real pliant
 - d. 10,000 real pranks
- 10) four swimming pools, a children's water park, a full-size basketball court, an _____
 - a. ice-skating link
 - b. ice-skating drink
 - c. ice-skating rink
 - d. ice-skating brink

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship.html>

1. How long is the cruise ship?
2. What's the name of the cruise ship?
3. Where are the passengers going on a cruise?
4. Who did a company official talk to?
5. What did a spokesperson say the company wanted to create?
6. How long did it take to build the ship?
7. How much longer than the Titanic is the cruise ship?
8. How many different "neighbourhoods" does the ship have?
9. How many plants are there on an area of the ship called Central Park?
10. How many people can sit in the ship's cinema?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship.html>

- 1) How long is the cruise ship?
 - a) 360 metres
 - b) 262 metres
 - c) 326 metres
 - d) 362 metres
- 2) What's the name of the cruise ship?
 - a) Seas of Wonder
 - b) Wonder of the Seas
 - c) Wonder Seas
 - d) Wonderful Seas
- 3) Where are the passengers going on a cruise?
 - a) the River Nile
 - b) Florida
 - c) Tahiti
 - d) Caribbean islands
- 4) Who did a company official talk to?
 - a) Booking.com
 - b) passengers
 - c) CNN Travel
 - d) the ship's captain
- 5) What did a spokesperson say the company wanted to create?
 - a) an unbeatable ship
 - b) perfect memories
 - c) the best company in the world
 - d) something truly awe-inspiring
- 6) How long did it take to build the ship?
 - a) 8 years
 - b) 2 years
 - c) 3 years
 - d) 5 years
- 7) How much longer than the Titanic is the cruise ship?
 - a) 30 metres
 - b) 300 metres
 - c) 13 metres
 - d) 3 metres
- 8) How many different "neighbourhoods" does the ship have?
 - a) 6
 - b) 10
 - c) 8
 - d) 5
- 9) How many plants are there on an area of the ship called Central Park?
 - a) over 50,000
 - b) over 1,000
 - c) over 10,000
 - d) over 20,000
- 10) How many people can sit in the ship's cinema?
 - a) 1,400
 - b) 1,600
 - c) 1,200
 - d) 1,800

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sunbathe

You think sunbathing is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): meeting other guests, swimming or reading.

Role B – Meet Other Guests

You think meeting other guests is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): sunbathing, swimming or reading.

Role C – Swim

You think swimming is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): meeting other guests, sunbathing or reading.

Role D – Read

You think reading is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): meeting other guests, swimming or sunbathing.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cruise' and 'ship'.

cruise	ship

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18• maiden• enjoy• official• six• truly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• three• 30• 1.8• eight• 20• 1,400
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CRUISE SHIPS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cruise ships in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CRUISE SHIPS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'cruise'?
3. What do you think of the idea of a cruise?
4. Where would you like to go on a cruise?
5. What would you do on a cruise ship for two weeks?
6. Would you like to be on a ship with nearly 7,000 other people?
7. What do you think of a Caribbean cruise?
8. How environmentally friendly are cruise ships?
9. Do you think the Wonder of the Seas is a wonder?
10. How 'awe-inspiring' is this ship?

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CRUISE SHIPS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ship'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the good and bad things about cruises?
15. Can you imagine how big this ship is?
16. How much fun do you think a cruise on this ship would be?
17. What do you think of the facilities on the ship?
18. Should all cruise ships use electric engines?
19. What do you think of the movie 'Titanic'?
20. What questions would you like to ask the ship's captain?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) net | (b) met | (c) let | (d) set |
| 2. | (a) jets | (b) gusts | (c) jests | (d) guests |
| 3. | (a) maid | (b) maiden | (c) made | (d) making |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) about | (c) around | (d) in |
| 5. | (a) features | (b) feats | (c) futures | (d) fractures |
| 6. | (a) awe | (b) awl | (c) owl | (d) or |
| 7. | (a) dinghy | (b) yacht | (c) speedboat | (d) vessel |
| 8. | (a) built | (b) builds | (c) building | (d) builder |
| 9. | (a) difference | (b) different | (c) differ | (d) differs |
| 10. | (a) failed | (b) filed | (c) filled | (d) foliage |
| 11. | (a) pitch | (b) field | (c) court | (d) ground |
| 12. | (a) link | (b) rink | (c) dink | (d) sink |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the newest daodiint to the ships
2. It set off on its maiden vyeaog
3. its world-class faeurste
4. after a six-year-long orsepsc
5. the company's seetepirx
6. create something truly awe-pinngsrii

Paragraph 2

7. build the noerosum ship
8. It is an impressive sesevl
9. the longest aircraft cirraer ever built
10. eight different gsonodoeuhbihr
11. eicsialift include 20 restaurants
12. a surf suiomltra

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and two 13-metre rock-climbing walls.
- () experiences. One is called Central Park, which is filled with over 10,000 real plants. Facilities
- () It took a shipyard in France three years to build the enormous ship. It is an impressive vessel. It weighs
- () 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft
- () by the company Royal Caribbean. It set off on its maiden voyage last week from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA. The lucky
- (**1**) The largest cruise ship ever made has set sail. The ship is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and has room
- () and feedback from guests meant the company could "create something truly awe-inspiring".
- () passengers will enjoy a cruise of the Caribbean islands. A company official spoke
- () for 6,988 guests. Its name is Wonder of the Seas. It is the newest addition to the ships owned
- () about his excitement to CNN Travel. He said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-
- () ship has eight different "neighbourhoods". These are areas of the ship that will give guests different
- () carrier ever built and 306 metres longer than the Titanic. Surprisingly, the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The new cruise
- () include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a children's water park, a full-size basketball court, an ice-skating
- () class features after a six-year-long process." He said the company's expertise

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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neighbourhoods . has ship eight cruise new The different

real over 10,000 is with plants . It filled

include four and restaurants 20 pools . The facilities swimming

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship.html>

The largest cruise ship ever *made / make* has set sail. The ship is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and has *cabin / room* for 6,988 guests. Its name is Wonder of the Seas. It is the newest *addition / add* to the ships owned by the company Royal Caribbean. It set off on its *maiden / made* voyage last week from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA. The *luckless / lucky* passengers will enjoy a cruise of the Caribbean islands. A company official *speak / spoke* about his excitement to CNN Travel. He said: "We're *excitement / excited* to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class *futures / features* after a six-year-long process." He said the company's *expertise / expats* and feedback from guests meant the company could "create something *truly / truth* awe-inspiring".

It took a shipyard in France three years to *build / built* the enormous ship. It is an impressive vessel. It *weight / weighs* 237,000 tons, and is as *length / long* as the Empire State Building is *high / height*. It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft *car / carrier* ever built and 306 metres longer than the Titanic. Surprisingly, the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The new cruise ship has eight *difference / different* "neighbourhoods". These are areas of the ship that will give guests different experiences. One *is / be* called Central Park, which is filled with *over / more* 10,000 real plants. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming *pails / pools*, a children's water park, a full-size basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf *stimulate / simulator*, a 1400-seat theatre, and two 13-metre rock-climbing walls.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ l_rg_st cr__s_ sh_p _v_r m_d_ h_s s_t s__l. Th_ sh_p _s 362 m_tr_s l_ng, h_s 18 d_cks, _nd h_s r__m f_r 6,988 g__sts. _ts n_m_ _s W_nd_r _f th_ S__s. _t _s th_ n_w_st _dd_t__n t_ th_ sh_ps _wn_d by th_ c_mp_ny R_y_l C_r_bb__n. _t s_t _ff _n _ts m__d_n v_y_g_ l_st w__k fr_m F_rt L__d_rd_l_ _n Fl_r_d_, _S_. Th_ l_cky p_ss_ng_rs w_ll _nj_y _ cr__s_ _f th_ C_r_bb__n _sl_nds. _ c_mp_ny _ff_c__l sp_k_ _b__t h_s _xc_t_m_nt t_ CNN Tr_v_l. H_ s__d: "W_'r_ _xc_t_d t_ _ntr_d_c_ g__sts _cr_ss th_ w_rld t_ W_nd_r _f th_ S__s _nd _ts w_rld-cl_ss f__t_r_s _ft_r _ s_x-y__r-l_ng pr_c_ss." H_ s__d th_ c_mp_ny's _xp_rt_s_ _nd f__db_ck fr_m g__sts m__nt th_ c_mp_ny c__ld "cr__t_ s_m_th_ng tr_ly _w_-_nsp_r_ng".

_t t__k _ sh_py_rd _n Fr_nc_ thr__ y__rs t_ b__ld th_ _n_rm__s sh_p. _t _s _n _mpr_ss_v_ v_ss_l. _t w__ghs 237,000 t_ns, _nd _s _s l_ng _s th_ _mp_r_ St_t_ B__ld_ng _s h_g_h. _t _s 30 m_tr_s l_ng_r th_n th_ l_ng_st __rcr_ft c_rr__r _v_r b__lt _nd 306 m_tr_s l_ng_r th_n th_ T_t_n_c. S_rpr_s_ngly, th_ T_t_n_c w_s 1.8kph f_st_r. Th_ n_w cr__s_ sh_p h_s __ght d_ff_r_nt "n__ghb__rh__ds". Th_s_ _r_ _r__s _f th_ sh_p th_t w_ll g_v_ g__sts d_ff_r_nt _xp_r__nc_s. _n_ _s c_ll_d C_ntr_l P_rk, wh_ch _s f_ll_d w_th _v_r 10,000 r__l pl_nts. F_c_l_t__s _ncl_d_ 20 r_st__r_nts, f__r sw_mm_ng p__ls, _ ch_ldr_n's w_t_r p_rk, _ f_ll-s_z_ b_sk_tb_ll c__rt, _n _c_-sk_t_ng r_nk, _ s_rf s_m_l_t_r, _ 1400-s__t th__tr_, _nd tw_ 13-m_tr_r_ck-cl_mb_ng w_lls.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the largest cruise ship ever made has set sail the ship is 362 metres long has 18 decks and has room for 6988 guests its name is wonder of the seas it is the newest addition to the ships owned by the company royal caribbean it set off on its maiden voyage last week from fort lauderdale in florida usa the lucky passengers will enjoy a cruise of the caribbean islands a company official spoke about his excitement to cnn travel he said were excited to introduce guests across the world to wonder of the seas and its worldclass features after a sixyearlong process he said the companys expertise and feedback from guests meant the company could create something truly aweinspiring

it took a shipyard in france three years to build the enormous ship it is an impressive vessel it weighs 237000 tons and is as long as the empire state building is high it is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever built and 306 metres longer than the titanic surprisingly the titanic was 18kph faster the new cruise ship has eight different neighbourhoods these are areas of the ship that will give guests different experiences one is called central park which is filled with over 10000 real plants facilities include 20 restaurants four swimming pools a childrens water park a fullsize basketball court an iceskating rink a surf simulator a 1400seat theatre and two 13metre rockclimbing walls

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The largest cruise ship ever made has set sail. The ship is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and has room for 6,988 guests. Its name is Wonder of the Seas. It is the newest addition to the ships owned by the company Royal Caribbean. It set off on its maiden voyage last week from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA. The lucky passengers will enjoy a cruise of the Caribbean islands. A company official spoke about this excitement to CNN Travel. He said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class features after a six-year-long process." He said the company's expertise and feedback from guests meant the company could "create something truly awe-inspiring". It took a shipyard in France three years to build the enormous ship. It is an impressive vessel. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever built and 306 metres longer than the Titanic. Surprisingly, the Titanic was 1.8 kph faster. The new cruise ship has eight different "neighbourhoods". These are areas of the ship that will give guests different experiences. One is called Central Park, which is filled with over 10,000 real plants. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a children's water park, a full-size basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and two 13-metre rock-climbing walls.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CRUISE SHIPS: Make a poster about cruise ships. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ECO-CRUISES: Write a magazine article about only allowing eco-cruises - ones where the ship emits zero emissions. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on cruise ships. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make them fun. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. j	4. h	5. c
6. a	7. b	8. i	9. e	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 362 metres
- Wonder of the Seas
- Caribbean islands
- CNN Travel
- Something truly awe-inspiring
- Three years
- 30 metres
- Eight
- Over 10,000
- 1,400

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The largest cruise ship ever made set sail.
- It is the newest addition to the ships.
- Set off on its maiden voyage last week.
- We're excited to introduce guests across the world.
- The company could create something truly awe-inspiring.
- It took a shipyard in France three years.
- Longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever built.
- The new cruise ship has eight different neighbourhoods.
- It is filled with over 10,000 real plants.
- The facilities include 20 restaurants and four swimming pools.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)