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Titanic postcard could sell for \$15,000 at auction

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A postcard from a worker on the Titanic could sell for \$15,000 at an auction. The card was written by the ship's wireless operator Jack Phillips. He wrote to his sister while the Titanic was at port. He wrote: "Very busy working late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon." His message ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard has photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there is a postmark from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many things from the shipwreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was completed in 1912. Its builders said the design meant it could not sink. It started its first voyage, from the UK to New York, on April the 10th, 1912. It hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean five days later. The impact made a big hole in the ship. More than 1,500 of the 2,224 passengers died. Mr Phillips escaped overboard as water flooded the ship. He sat on an overturned lifeboat and waited to be rescued, but he died of exposure to the cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. written by the ship's | a. on Monday |
| 2. He wrote to | b. from the shipwreck |
| 3. Hope to leave | c. on one side |
| 4. photos of the Titanic | d. from a post office |
| 5. On the address side | e. auction |
| 6. there is a postmark | f. wireless operator |
| 7. one of many things | g. of the card |
| 8. a multi-million-dollar | h. his sister |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Titanic was completed | a. passengers died |
| 2. it could not | b. voyage |
| 3. It started its first | c. hole in the ship |
| 4. It hit an | d. sink |
| 5. The impact made a big | e. rescued |
| 6. 1,500 of the 2,224 | f. in 1912 |
| 7. waited to be | g. to the cold |
| 8. he died of exposure | h. iceberg |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A postcard from (1) _____ the Titanic could sell for \$15,000 at an auction. The card (2) _____ the ship's wireless operator Jack Phillips. He wrote to his sister while the Titanic was at port. He wrote: "Very (3) _____. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon." His message (4) _____ words, "Love, Jack." The postcard has photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there (5) _____ from a post office in Belfast. The card is one (6) _____ from the shipwreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic (7) _____ 1912. Its builders said the design meant it could not sink. It started (8) _____, from the UK to New York, on April the 10th, 1912. It (9) _____ in the Atlantic Ocean five days later. The impact made a big hole in the ship. More than 1,500 of the 2,224 passengers died. Mr Phillips (10) _____ water flooded the ship. He sat on an overturned lifeboat and waited to be rescued, but he (11) _____ to the cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-(12) _____ Leonardo DiCaprio.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POSTCARDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about postcards 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

