

CHAPTER 1

Ian sat on the side of the boat as it moved **gently** up and down on the waves. He smiled at the man sitting opposite and then, without warning, he suddenly fell backwards. Immediately, he disappeared under the waves and sank into the cold sea.

“I’m getting too old for this!” his friend, Martin, laughed and then he also fell backwards into the North Sea. As soon as he was in the water, he turned and looked down. He swam quickly after his **diving** partner. It was important to stay close together. Ian was only a few metres below, but it was difficult to see him. Diving in the North Sea was very different to diving on holiday in the Caribbean or the Mediterranean Sea. The water was much colder and darker here, and it was impossible to see very far **into the distance**.

Martin reached the bottom. This was a fairly deep dive, and he was now about thirty metres below sea level. He looked to his right and saw Ian swimming towards the rusty ship that was lying on the sand. It was a small fishing boat. These boats had a **crew** of about six men. It was called Northern Princess, and it had sunk two miles from the **shore** during a storm a few years ago.

gently (adverb) slowly and carefully

dive (verb) to go underwater (while using special equipment)

into the distance (idiom) far away

crew (noun) the people who work on a ship or aeroplane

shore (noun) the land on the edge of a sea



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Martin gave a hand signal to his friend to tell him that he was okay, and then he swam onto the old boat. While he did this, Ian swam to the side of the boat with his special equipment. He used it for cutting through metal. It was expensive, but necessary, equipment.

The two men each had two air tanks on their back. This meant they had enough air for about one hour. They needed to work quickly.

Martin's job was to search for small objects. He swam into the **cabin** on **deck**. He needed to be careful when he went inside a boat. It was very easy to become **trapped**. That's why he always dived with a partner.

Inside the cabin, he found a couple of **lanterns**, a clock, a bell and a few other small objects. It was quite a good collection of objects even if there was nothing special or surprising to find. He put the objects in his bag and swam to the back of the boat. Here, he took out his hammer and a small metal bar and carefully removed the metal sheet with the name of the ship.

cabin (noun) a small room on a ship where passengers live or sleep

deck (noun) the flat area outside of a ship or boat

trapped (adjective) not able to get out of a dangerous place

lantern (noun) a lamp that you can carry



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Martin looked at his watch. He only had enough air for ten minutes, so he swam to where Ian was working. His partner was cutting through the ship to remove the round windows called **portholes**. It was hard work, but these were always popular objects. Once he had removed the little window, Ian held up three fingers to show how many he had.

Martin pointed upwards to tell his friend it was time to leave. They needed to swim to the surface slowly and stop on the way. If they didn't return to the surface carefully, they could become very sick.

Ian put the window into his bag, and the two men swam slowly upwards to the boat. When they were a few metres from the surface, they stopped for a while. Their bodies had to get used to the change in pressure.

When they finally reached the surface, they threw their bags on the deck and then climbed on the boat after them. They **took off** their diving masks and lay down on the deck. They were always tired after a dive and needed to rest.

porthole (noun) a small round window in the side of a ship

take off (phrasal verb) to remove something, especially a piece of clothing

GRAMMAR QUIZZES

Quiz-1

Choose the correct answer.

1. “I her all day. She is not answering her phone,”
dad said.
a) am calling b) have been calling c) called
2. We the lambs in the barn for two weeks.
Now, they can go outside to eat some grass.
a) are feeding b) feed c) have been feeding
3. I in the chair for an hour. Now, my back hurts.
a) sleep b) am sleeping c) have been sleeping
4. The woman all her Christmas presents yesterday.
a) bought b) is buying c) has bought
5. We the fence for a week. There is still
more to do.
a) are painting b) paint c) have been painting
6. He has been looking for a new job since he that
company.
a) left b) has left c) is leaving
7. When I was in Morocco, I eat bread every day
because I liked it so much.
a) used to b) am used to c) were used to
8. I visit those beautiful gardens as a child.
a) get used to b) used to c) am used to

Quiz-2

Complete the sentences with these words.

accurate

confident

exhausted

greedy

keen

retired

still

trapped

valuable

broken

angry

excited

1. The car belonged to the Queen. It was very
2. The window in the hall was, and there was glass on the floor.
3. He finished the test thirty minutes early. He felt very
4. The water was calm. Everything around was and quiet.
5. He arrived early for the driving test. He was to pass it this time.
6. The cat scratched loudly from inside the cupboard. It was
7. We woke up early on Christmas Day. We were so
8. My name and address were correct. The form was
9. I lay on the bed and closed my eyes. My long walk along the beach had made me feel
10. He spent all day in the garden and not at work now. It was great to be
11. The shop was closed when we got there. Mum was because she needed to buy her shopping.
12. The dog ate its bowl of food and then another. It was always