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The Titanic - Comprehension



**Captain Edward
Smith**

The Titanic was built in Belfast, Ireland at the Harland and Wolff shipyard for the White Star Line company in March 1909. The Titanic was the most luxurious ship built in its day, fitted with chandeliers, ballrooms, and electric lights. The Titanic finally set sail on 10th April, 1912 from Southampton, England to New York, USA,



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look of the ship.

Four days after the Titanic had set sail on the 14th April, they received six ice warnings. The captain, Edward Smith, failed to heed the warnings of ice and didn't slow the ship down as he wanted to get to New York in record time.

On that fated day of 14th April at 11.40pm, one of the crew members spotted an ice-berg, but it was too late to turn the ship away from the ice-berg or to slow the ship down. The Titanic collided with the ice-berg, ripping a 245 foot long hole in the ship, causing the ship to fill with water.

People began to panic but it wasn't until 45 minutes later that the first lifeboat was launched. After all of the lifeboats had been launched, there were still 1,500 passengers left on the stricken ship. At 2.10am the following morning on the 15th April, the Titanic rose out of the water, split into two and eventually sank to the bottom of the Atlantic. Many of the passengers jumped into the

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water with only their life jackets, clinging on to anything they could find that would float.

It was a tragedy that a total of 1,517 people died due to drowning, cold icy temperatures and lack of lifeboats.

The surviving passengers were rescued by a ship called the Carpathia who had heard their distress calls, but it took them 4 hours to reach the Titanic and by the time they arrived, there were only 706 passengers still alive.



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Answer the following questions.

- a** At what time did the Titanic eventually sink on the 15th April 1912? _____
- b** How many passengers and crew were onboard the Titanic? _____



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- c** Which company owned the Titanic? _____
- d** On which day did the Titanic set sail? _____
- e** Where was the Titanic sailing to? _____
- f** What did the Titanic collide with on the 14th April 1912? _____
- g** How many people survived on the Titanic? _____
- h** What was the name of the ship that came to the rescue of the Titanic?

- i** How many ice warnings did the Titanic receive? _____