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#### **Level 3** – 6th April, 2021

#### **Ocean explorers film world's deepest shipwreck**

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#### Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).



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### THE ARTICLE

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An American ocean exploration team has filmed the world's deepest known shipwreck for the first time. The ship is a World War II US Navy battleship called the USS Johnston. It was sunk by the Japanese Navy on October the 25th, 1944 during the Battle of Samar in the Philippine Sea. The wreck now sits on the ocean floor at a depth of around 6,456 metres. The film crew managed to go down to that incredible depth and darkness and map and film the whole shipwreck. They filmed the ship from a specially built submersible that can deal with the pressure of the deep ocean. They discovered it was about 30 metres deeper than previously thought. The filming took place during two eight-hour dives.

The explorers are from a company called Caladan Oceanic. Its founder is Victor Vescovo, a former US Navy commander. He has a passion for adventure and for visiting some of the world's hardest-to-get-to places. He holds the record for being the first person ever to get to the top of all the world's continents, both poles, and the bottom of all the world's oceans. Mr Vescovo said the mission to film the USS Johnston was a personal one because that ship and his submersible were made in the same shipyard and both served in the US Navy. He said: "As a US Navy officer, I'm proud to have helped bring clarity and closure to the Johnston, its crew, and the families of those who died on it."

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#### WARM-UPS

**1. SHIPWRECKS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about shipwrecks. 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?

exploration / shipwreck / battleship / ocean / depth / darkness / pressure / filming / company / record / passion / continents / poles / mission / shipyard / clarity / crew

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

**3. BATTLESHIPS:** Students A **strongly** believe countries should stop building battleships; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. OCEANS:** What do you know about these oceans? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
South Pacific		
North Pacific		
Atlantic		
Indian		
Southern (Antarctic)		
Arctic		

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

**6. ADVENTURES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Deep-sea diving
- Bungee jumping
- White-water rafting
- Climbing Mt Everest

- Trekking to the South Pole
- Camping in the Amazon
- Skydiving
- A trip into space

### **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

#### Paragraph 1

1.	exploration	a.	The action of traveling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it.
2.	sunk	b.	Do something about a problem to put it right.
3.	ocean	c.	Made to go to the bottom of a sea, ocean, river, etc.
4.	depth	d.	A group of people who work on and operate a ship, boat, aircraft, spacecraft, or train.
5.	crew	e.	A very large area of sea, for example, the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, etc.
6.	deal with	f.	How far it is from the top or surface to the bottom of something.
7.	previously	g.	At an earlier time; before.
Pa	ragraph 2		
8.	founder	h.	Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America).
8. 9.	founder commander	h. i.	expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South
			expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America).
9.	commander	i.	<ul><li>expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America).</li><li>The very best of something.</li><li>A person who starts a business, university</li></ul>
9. 10.	commander passion	i. j.	<ul><li>expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America).</li><li>The very best of something.</li><li>A person who starts a business, university or other place.</li><li>A feeling of deep happiness because of what</li></ul>
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### **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

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

- a. The shipwreck in the article is from the 18th century. **T / F**
- b. The shipwreck in the article was sunk by the Japanese Navy. **T / F**
- c. The shipwreck is over 6,000 metres deep. **T / F**
- d. The shipwreck was 300 metres deeper than people thought. T / F
- e. The exploration team leader is an-ex soldier. T / F
- f. The exploration team leader has been to the North and South Pole. T / F
- g. The exploration team leader served in the US Navy. **T / F**
- h. The exploration team leader is proud of his mission. **T / F**

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

- 1. filmed
- 2. called
- 3. incredible
- 4. deal with
- 5. discovered
- 6. former
- 7. passion
- 8. made
- 9. served
- 10. died

- a. found
- b. handle
- c. worked
- d. recorded
- e. love
- f. built
- g. named
- h. ex-
- i. perished
- j. amazing

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

- 1. It was sunk
- 2. The wreck now sits
- 3. deal with the
- 4. it was about 30 metres deeper
- 5. two eight-
- 6. He has a passion
- 7. visiting some of the world's hardest-
- 8. get to the top of all the
- 9. made in the same
- 10. helped bring clarity

- a. for adventure
- b. than previously thought
- c. and closure
- d. on the ocean floor
- e. pressure
- f. world's continents
- g. shipyard
- h. hour dives
- i. to-get-to places
- j. by the Japanese Navy

### GAP FILL

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The explorers are from a company called Caladan Oceanic. Its record (9) is Victor Vescovo, a former US Navy poles commander. He has a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for adventure and personal for visiting some of the world's hardest-to-get-to places. He holds passion the (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_ for being the first person ever to get proud to the top of all the world's continents, both (12) \_\_\_\_\_, and the bottom of all the world's oceans. founder Mr Vescovo said the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to film the USS served Johnston was a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ one because that ship and mission his submersible were made in the same shipyard and both (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the US Navy. He said: "As a US Navy officer, I'm (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to have helped bring clarity and closure to the Johnston, its crew, and the families of those who died on it."

#### **LISTENING** – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) It was sunk by the Japanese Navy on October the 25th, 1944 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. during the Battle
  - b. daring the Battle
  - c. dueling the Battle
  - d. doing the Battle
- 2) The film crew managed to go down to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. that incredibly depth
  - b. that incredible depth
  - c. that indelible depth
  - d. that inedible depth
- 3) They filmed the ship from a specially built submersible that can deal \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with the press shore
  - b. with the press sure
  - c. with the pressured
  - d. with the pressure
- 4) They discovered it was about 30 metres deeper \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. than previously fought
  - b. than previously thought
  - c. than previously throughout
  - d. than previous thought
- 5) The filming took place during two \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. eight-hour drives
  - b. eight-hour dives
  - c. eight-hour divides
  - d. eight-hour devise
- 6) Its founder is Victor Vescovo, a former \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. US Navy commandeer
  - b. US Navy commandant
  - c. US Navy commando
  - d. US Navy commander
- 7) He has a passion for adventure and for visiting some of the world's hardest-to-\_\_\_\_
  - a. get-two places
  - b. get-too places
  - c. get-to places
  - d. ghetto places
- 8) the first person ever to get to the top of all \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the world's continence
  - b. the world's incontinence
  - c. the world's continents
  - d. the world's continent
- 9) that ship and his submersible were made in the same shipyard and both \_\_\_\_\_ US Navy a. served in the
  - b. saved in the
  - c. sieved in the
  - d. swerved in the
- 10) I'm proud to have helped bring clarity and closure to the Johnston, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its queue, and
  - b. its accrue, and
  - c. its clue, and
  - d. its crew, and

#### LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

- 1. What is the nationality of the exploration team?
- 2. In what year was the warship sunk?
- 3. How deep is the shipwreck?
- 4. How much of the shipwreck did the exploration team film?
- 5. How many dives did the exploration team make?
- 6. What position did the exploration team leader have in the US Navy?
- 7. What does the exploration team leader have a passion for?
- 8. How many of the world's oceans has the team leader been to?
- 9. What was made in the same shipyard as the team's submersible?
- 10. What is the team leader proud of bringing besides clarity?

# **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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<ol> <li>What is the nationality of the exploration team?</li> <li>a) Japanese</li> <li>b) Russian</li> <li>c) Kenyan</li> <li>d) American</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>6) What position did the exploration team leader have in the US Navy?</li> <li>a) admiral</li> <li>b) general</li> <li>c) commander</li> <li>d) lieutenant</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>2) In what year was the warship sunk?</li> <li>a) 1945</li> <li>b) 1944</li> <li>c) 1943</li> <li>d) 1946</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7) What does the exploration team</li> <li>leader have a passion for?</li> <li>a) adventure</li> <li>b) ships</li> <li>c) diving</li> <li>d) life</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>3) How deep is the shipwreck?</li> <li>a) 6,546 metres</li> <li>b) 6,465 metres</li> <li>c) 6,654 metres</li> <li>d) 6,456 metres</li> <li>4) How much of the shipwreck did</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8) How many of the world's oceans has the team leader been to?</li> <li>a) four of them</li> <li>b) just one</li> <li>c) all of them</li> <li>d) two</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>a) some of it</li> <li>b) a bit of it</li> <li>c) all of it</li> <li>d) most of it</li> <li>5) How many dives did the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9) What was made in the same shipyard as the team's submersible?</li> <li>a) F1 cars</li> <li>b) the battleship</li> <li>c) the QEII cruise ship</li> <li>d) America's biggest aircraft carrier</li> </ul>
<ul><li>a) five</li><li>b) four</li><li>c) three</li><li>d) two</li></ul>	<ul><li>10) What is the team leader proud of bringing besides clarity?</li><li>a) closure</li><li>b) a documentary</li><li>c) film footage</li><li>d) souvenirs</li></ul>

# **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A – Deep-sea Diving

You think deep-sea diving is the greatest adventure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their adventures. Also, tell the others which is the least adventurous of these (and why): climbing Mt Everest, camping in the Amazon or a trip into space.

#### **Role B – Climbing Mt Everest**

You think climbing Mt Everest is the greatest adventure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their adventures. Also, tell the others which is the least adventurous of these (and why): deep-sea diving, camping in the Amazon or a trip into space.

#### Role C – Camping in the Amazon

You think camping in the Amazon is the greatest adventure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their adventures. Also, tell the others which is the least adventurous of these (and why): climbing Mt Everest, deepsea diving or a trip into space.

#### Role D – A Trip into Space

You think a trip into space is the greatest adventure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their adventures. Also, tell the others which is the least adventurous of these (and why): climbing Mt Everest, camping in the Amazon or deep-sea diving.

# **AFTER READING / LISTENING**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

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

ocean	explorer

- 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:

• team	founder
• sunk	• some
• floor	• top
• crew	personal
• deal	• served
• place	• proud

### SHIPWRECKS SURVEY

From <u>https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html</u>

Write five GOOD questions about shipwrecks 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.

### SHIPWRECKS 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 'ship'?
- 3. What do you think of ocean exploration?
- 4. What do you know about World War II?
- 5. What do you know about battleships?
- 6. How important is it to film the battleship?
- 7. What might the film tell us about history?
- 8. Would you like to explore the world's oceans?
- 9. What is life like 6,000 metres below the surface of the sea?
- 10. What three adjectives best describe this story?

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#### SHIPWRECKS 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 'shipwreck'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you have a passion for?
- 15. What big adventures would you like to go on?
- 16. Would you like to copy the adventures Mr Vescovo went on?
- 17. Would you like to be a sailor?
- 18. Would you rather go to the top of a mountain or the bottom of a sea?
- 19. Should the battleship be put in a museum?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the explorers?

### **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1.	
2.	
3.	
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4.	
5.	
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)	time	(b)	times	(c)	timing	(d)	timed
2.	(a)	name	(b)	title	(c)	called	(d)	is
3.	(a)	sinks	(b)	sinking	(c)	sunk	(d)	sink
4.	(a)	carpet	(b)	ground	(c)	mat	(d)	floor
5.	(a)	hole	(b)	wholly	(c)	whole	(d)	holy
6.	(a)	while	(b)	during	(c)	through	(d)	of
7.	(a)	finder	(b)	founder	(c)	flounder	(d)	fender
7. 8.	(a) (a)	finder at	(b) (b)	founder for	(c) (c)	flounder of	(d) (d)	fender by
			. ,		. ,		. ,	
8.	(a)	at	(b)	for	(c)	of	(d)	by
8. 9.	(a) (a)	at even	(b) (b)	for every	(c) (c)	of ever	(d) (d)	by event

### SPELLING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

#### Paragraph 1

- 1. An American ocean <u>earploitnox</u> team
- 2. a World War II US Navy <u>hettlaisbp</u>
- 3. The wreck now sits on the <u>nacoe</u> floor
- 4. down to that <u>bencelidir</u> depth
- 5. the <u>resupres</u> of the deep
- 6. 30 metres deeper than <u>srvueplioy</u> thought

#### Paragraph 2

- 7. a rofmer US Navy commander
- 8. He has a <u>saopnis</u> for adventure
- 9. all the world's <u>nttnocinse</u>
- 10. a eonalspr one
- 11. I'm orpdu to have helped
- 12. bring <u>yritacl</u> and closure

### PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

#### Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( time. The ship is a World War II US Navy battleship called the USS ) Johnston. It was sunk
- one because that ship and his submersible were made in the same ( ) shipyard and both served
- in the US Navy. He said: "As a US Navy officer, I'm proud to have ( ) helped bring clarity
- darkness and map and film the whole shipwreck. They filmed the ( ) ship from a specially built submersible that can deal
- An American ocean exploration team has filmed the world's deepest (1) known shipwreck for the first
- by the Japanese Navy on October the 25th, 1944 during the Battle ) ( of Samar in the Philippine Sea. The wreck now sits
- with the pressure of the deep ocean. They discovered it was about ( ) 30 metres deeper
- The explorers are from a company called Caladan Oceanic. Its ( ) founder is Victor Vescovo, a former US Navy commander. He has a
- for being the first person ever to get to the top of all the world's ( ) continents, both poles, and the bottom
- of all the world's oceans. Mr Vescovo said the mission to film the ( ) USS Johnston was a personal
- than previously thought. The filming took place during two eight-( ) hour dives.
- on the ocean floor at a depth of around 6,456 metres. The film ( ) crew managed to go down to that incredible depth and
- passion for adventure and for visiting some of the world's hardest-( ) to-get-to places. He holds the record
- and closure to the Johnston, its crew, and the families of those who ( ) died on it."

#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

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2. The floor . wreck ocean the on sits now

3. deal can that with the pressure . A submersible

4. discovered it metres was about 30 deeper . They

5. filming took dives . The eight-hour during place two

6. of places . world's the some Visiting hardest-to-get-to

7. to the The to person first top . get

8. was to USS Johnston The personal . mission the film

9. proud helped I'm clarity . to have bring

10. who of it . The died families those on

### **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

An American ocean exploration team has *filming / filmed* the world's deepest known shipwreck for the first time. The ship is a World War II US Navy battleship *calling / called* the USS Johnston. It was sunk *to / by* the Japanese Navy on October the 25th, 1944 *during / while* the Battle of Samar in the Philippine Sea. The wreck now sits on the ocean floor at a *deep / depth* of around 6,456 metres. The film crew *managed / management* to go down to *that / what* incredible depth and darkness and map and film the whole shipwreck. They filmed the ship from a *specially / special* built submersible that can *deal / ideal* with the pressure of the deep ocean. They filming *happened / took* place during two eight-hour dives.

The explorers are *from / to* a company called Caladan Oceanic. Its *finder / founder* is Victor Vescovo, a former US Navy commander. He has a *passionate / passion* for adventure and for visiting some of the world's hardest-to-get-to places. He holds the record *for / of* being the first person ever to get to the *top / stop* of all the world's continents, both poles, and the bottom of all the world's oceans. Mr Vescovo said the *emission / mission* to film the USS Johnston was a personal one *because / so* that ship and his submersible were made in the same shipyard and both *saved / served* in the US Navy. He said: "As a US Navy officer, I'm *proud / pride* to have helped bring clarity and closure to the Johnston, its crew, and the families of *those / them* who died on it."

# 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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#### PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the explorers are from a company called caladan oceanic its founder is victor vescovo a former us navy commander he has a passion for adventure and for visiting some of the worlds hardesttogetto places he holds the record for being the first person ever to get to the top of all the worlds continents both poles and the bottom of all the worlds oceans mr vescovo said the mission to film the uss johnston was a personal one because that ship and his submersible were made in the same shipyard and both served in the us navy he said as a us navy officer im proud to have helped bring clarity and closure to the johnston its crew and the families of those who died on it

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## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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### FREE WRITING

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Write about **shipwrecks** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.


### ACADEMIC WRITING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210406-shipwreck.html

Everybody should learn to scuba dive. Discuss.


#### 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. SHIPWRECKS:** Make a poster about shipwrecks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. HISTORY:** Write a magazine article about spending more money on exploring shipwrecks so we understand more about our history. 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 shipwrecks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on shipwrecks. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### ANSWERS

#### **VOCABULARY (p.4)**

1.	а	2.	С	3.	е	4.	f	5.	d	6.	b	7.	g
8.	j	9.	Ι	10.	n	11.	i	12.	h	13.	k	14.	m

#### TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

а	F	b	Т	С	Т	d	F	е	F	f	Т	g	Т	h	Т
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#### SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

#### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)**

- 1. American
- 2. 1944
- 3. 6,456 metres
- 4. All of it
- 5. Two
- 6. Commander
- 7. Adventure
- 8. All of them
- 9. The battleship
- 10. Closure

#### WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- 1. The team filmed the world's deepest known shipwreck.
- 2. The wreck now sits on the ocean floor.
- 3. A submersible that can deal with the pressure.
- 4. They discovered it was about 30 metres deeper.
- 5. The filming took place during two eight-hour dives.
- 6. Visiting some of the world's hardest-to-get-to places.
- 7. The first person to get to the top.
- 8. The mission to film the USS Johnston was personal.
- 9. I'm proud to have helped bring clarity.
- 10. The families of those who died on it.

#### 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 ;-)