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Level 1 – 17th March, 2022

World's largest ever cruise ship sets sail

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship-1.html>

The largest cruise ship ever set sail last week from Florida. It is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and room for 6,988 guests. The "Wonder of the Seas" is from the company Royal Caribbean. Its passengers are enjoying a cruise of the Caribbean. The company spoke to CNN. It said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class features." It said it wanted to "create something truly awe-inspiring".

It took three years to build the ship. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is 306 metres* longer than the Titanic, but the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The ship has eight different "neighbourhoods" that will give guests different experiences. It also has 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a water park, a basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and 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>
<https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/2022/02/22/wonder-of-the-seas-worlds-largest-cruise-ship-to-sail-with-passengers-for-first-time/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The largest cruise ship ever set | a. awe-inspiring |
| 2. room for 6,988 | b. Royal Caribbean |
| 3. from the company | c. sail last week |
| 4. Its passengers are | d. the world |
| 5. The company spoke | e. class features |
| 6. introduce guests across | f. to CNN |
| 7. world- | g. guests |
| 8. create something truly | h. enjoying a cruise |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It took three years to | a. 237,000 tons |
| 2. It weighs | b. theatre |
| 3. It is 306 metres longer | c. faster |
| 4. the Titanic was 1.8kph | d. experiences |
| 5. give guests different | e. climbing walls |
| 6. an ice-skating | f. than the Titanic |
| 7. a 1400-seat | g. build the ship |
| 8. 13-metre rock- | h. rink |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The largest (1) _____ set sail last week from Florida. It is 362 metres long, (2) _____, and room for 6,988 guests. The "Wonder of the Seas" is from the company Royal Caribbean. Its (3) _____ a cruise of the Caribbean. The (4) _____ CNN. It said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its (5) _____." It said it wanted to "create something (6) _____".

It took three years to (7) _____. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is (8) _____ the Empire State Building is high. It is 306 metres longer than the Titanic, but the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The (9) _____ different "neighbourhoods" that will (10) _____ experiences. It also has 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a water park, a basketball court, an (11) _____, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and 13-metre (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CRUISE SHIPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220317-cruise-ship-4.html>

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.

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) _____

