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- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then write a Vocabulary Word to answer each question.



rigging: arrangement of sails and related gear on a ship
furl: to roll up and fasten, especially sails of a ship
huddled: crowded or nestled next to
vast: of very large size; enormous; huge
beams: long, horizontal pieces of wood or metal shaped for use, as in the frame of a ship
lurked: lay hidden; stayed out of sight
settlement: area newly settled by people; a colony

1. How might you describe the large size of an ocean?

The ocean is _____.

2. What are the long pieces of wood in a ship's frame?

The long pieces are the _____.

3. What are the ropes and pulleys on a ship?

Ropes and pulleys are _____.

4. When sailors roll up a ship's sails, what do they do?

They _____ the sails.

5. If people are gathered in a small space, how do they stand?

The people stand _____ together.

6. How would you describe the action of a person who hid on a ship?

The person _____ out of sight.

7. If settlers build a small, new town, what is it called?

The town is called a _____.



- Write the three Vocabulary Words that you could use in talking about a ship.

8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____



Write your Vocabulary Words on index cards. Write the word on one side and the definition on the other. Test yourself by choosing a word and writing its definition without looking.

- **Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined words will help you answer the questions.**

The ship's passengers stood on deck. They watched the approaching dark clouds. Then the storm broke. The wind howled and the rain pounded, chasing everyone to the lower deck. The tiny ship shuddered as it rose and fell in the rough sea. Waves as high as mountains swept over the deck. Some people cried. A young boy huddled with his father in a protected corner. "Don't go away from me, Papa!" he cried in terror.

- 1 Which idea about the wind does the word *howled* express?

A The wind moaned softly.
 B The wind blew gently like a breeze.
 C The wind blew noisily and steadily.
 D The wind was like a person singing.



Tip

The author uses the word *howl* to describe the wind. Wolves howl. How does that sound?

- 2 What meaning does the word *shuddered* suggest?

F swung or swayed
 G shook, as if in fear
 H pounded
 J moved silently



Tip

If you shuddered, what would you do? Pick the answer that would most closely match your action.

- 3 Which statement conveys the strong negative connotation in the last sentence?

A "Don't leave me, Papa!"
 B "Don't depart, Papa!"
 C "Don't retreat, Papa!"
 D "Don't abandon me, Papa!"

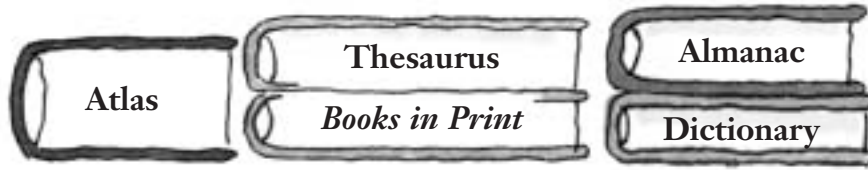


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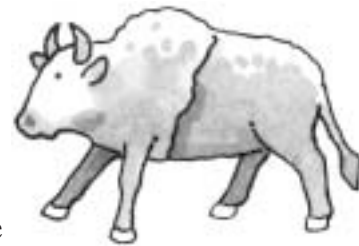
Depart means the same thing as *leave*. *Retreat* means "back up." *Abandon* means "leave without intending to return." Which would be the worst thing that could happen to a young boy?



- Look at the reference books shown below. Then read the questions. Circle the letters of the correct answers.



- Steve read “Across the Wide Dark Sea.” He wants to know where Plymouth, Massachusetts, is located. Which is the best source for this information?
A almanac
B thesaurus
C atlas
- Steve also read the word *journey* in the story. He wondered if other words had nearly the same meaning. Where should Steve look for this information?
F thesaurus
G almanac
H *Books in Print*
- Steve wants to find another book by Jean Van Leeuwen, the author of “Across the Wide Dark Sea.” Where could he look for current books?
A thesaurus
B almanac
C *Books in Print*



- Where could Steve find out the current population of Massachusetts?
F dictionary
G almanac
H *Books in Print*



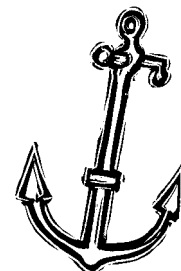
- Steve found the following information:

an·chor (ang'kər), *n.*

- A heavy piece of iron or steel lowered into the water to hold a ship in place.
- Something that makes a person feel secure.

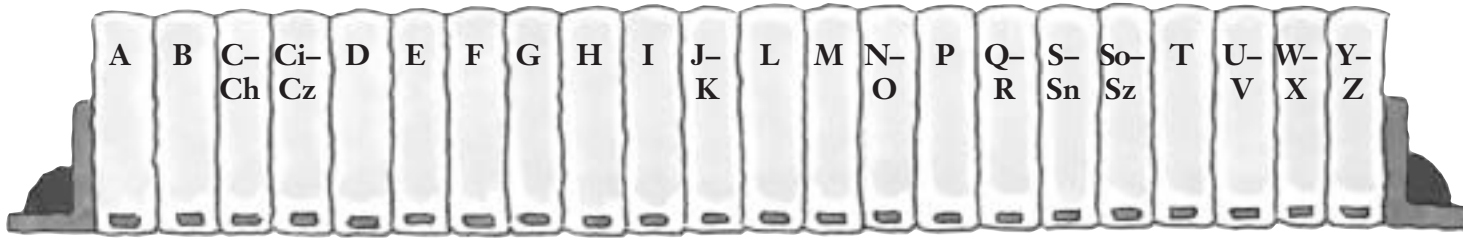
From what reference source did this information come?

- almanac
- thesaurus
- dictionary



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- Answer the questions. Use the encyclopedia volumes shown below.



1. In which volume of the encyclopedia would you find information about the Pilgrims? Volume _____
 2. Which volume might have information about the state of Massachusetts, where the Pilgrims landed? Volume _____
 3. Which volume might have information about the history of ships? Volume _____
- Read the table of contents below from a book about the Pilgrims. Then match items 4–6 with the correct parts of the book.

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| Chapter 1 <i>Leaving England</i> | Page 3 |
| Chapter 2 <i>Voyage Across the Atlantic</i> | Page 12 |
| Chapter 3 <i>Arriving in America</i> | Page 18 |
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| _____ 4. the meaning of the word <i>Puritans</i> | a. Index |
| _____ 5. titles of more books about the Pilgrims | b. Glossary |
| _____ 6. the page where you could find the date of the Pilgrims' arrival in America? | c. Selected Bibliography |

