

Comprehension

Christopher Columbus's Diary



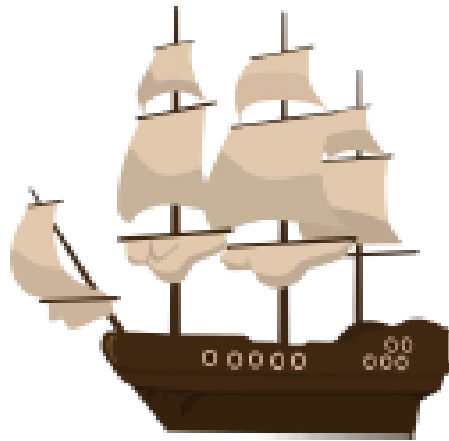
Useful words

ocean

weather

furious

Christopher Columbus's Diary



Dear Diary,

It is a fortnight since we set sail.

All I can see for miles is the churning, black and blue ocean. I cannot remember the last time I heard the screech of a gull.

Questions

1. How long ago did Christopher set sail?

2. Tick three describing words for the ocean.

bright

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churning

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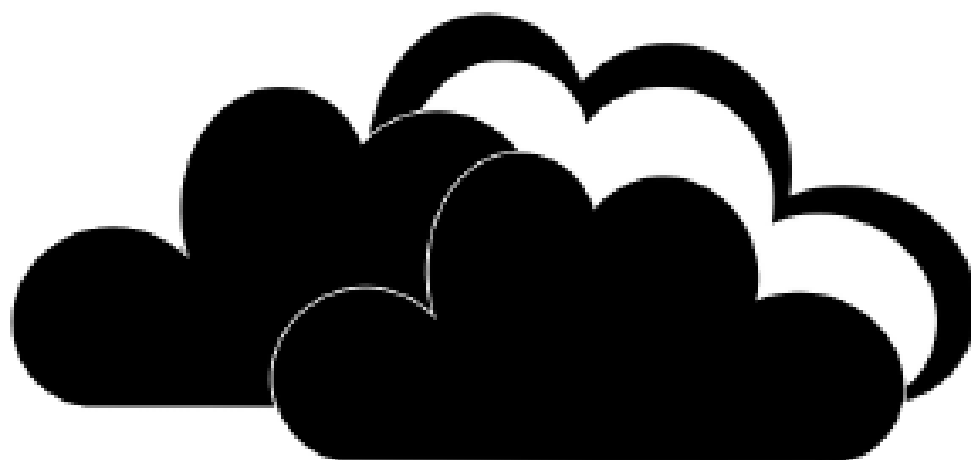
black

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blue

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3. Find and copy one word for the noise a gull makes.



This morning, the sky was full of black clouds. A storm was coming.

For breakfast, I ate bacon with dry bread. I shouted at the cook that there were no eggs. He said that the chickens were not laying. The chickens do not like these choppy seas.

Questions

4. What was in the sky in the morning?

5. What did Christopher eat for breakfast? Tick two.

sausages

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cereal

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bacon

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bread

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6. True or false? The chickens liked the choppy seas.

True

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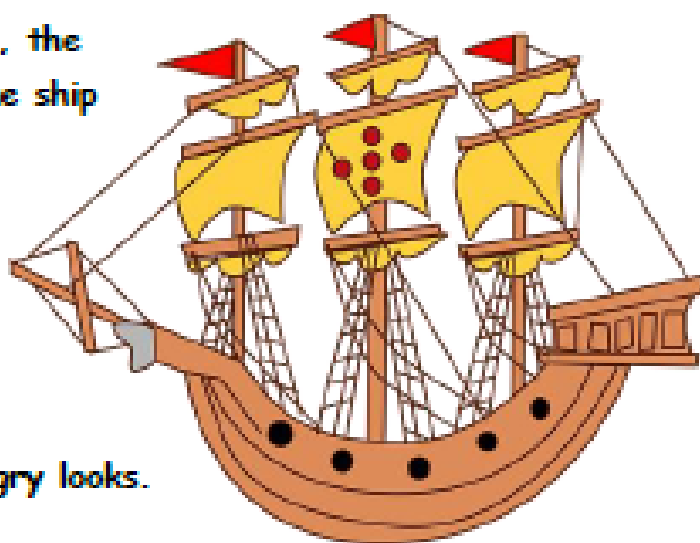
False

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When I went on deck, the crew were trying to get the ship ready for the storm.

Later, at lunch all we got was half a tin of ham each. There is very little food left!

The crew gave me very angry looks.



I am beginning to fear that we will all die of hunger before we find land again.

Questions

7. What were the crew doing on deck? Tick one.

Washing the deck

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Running about

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Getting the ship ready

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Arguing

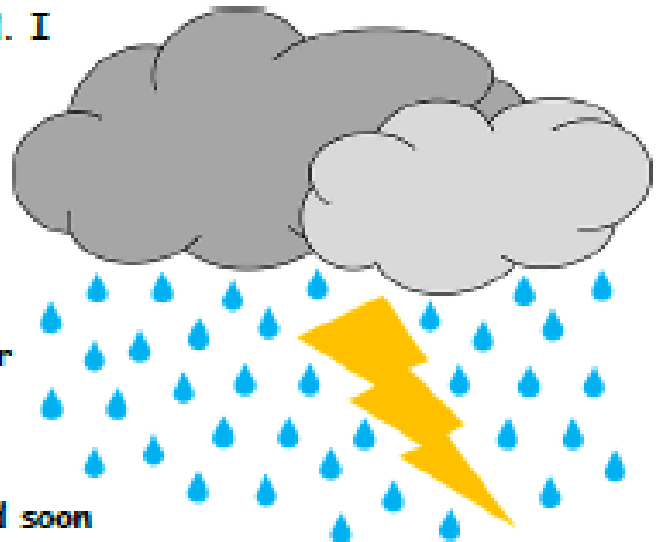
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8. What was for lunch?

9. What was Christopher beginning to fear?

Just after dark, the rain came. The wind whipped at the sail.

The crew were terrified. I heard them screaming and shouting as they tried to control the ship.



The crew are furious at the lack of food, the weather and the lack of land.

I pray that we find land soon or I worry that I will be thrown overboard by the starving crew.

Questions

10. When did the rain come?

11. What were the crew furious about? Write two.

1.

2.

12. What does Christopher think the crew might do to him?

Answers

1. A fortnight
2. churning, black and blue
3. screech
4. black clouds
5. bacon and bread
6. false
7. getting the ship ready
8. tinned ham
9. everyone dying of hunger
10. just after dark
11. the weather/lack of food/lack of land
12. throw him overboard

