

Lesson 1

A Lazy Student

Word Study

Learn these words before you start to read.

celebration *n.* a time when you enjoy yourself because you are
happy for a good reason

enjoy himself *v.* have a good time

examination *n.* exam; test

essay *n.* composition; a short piece of writing about a topic

had better *v.* ought to; should; it is better that

interested *adj.* paying attention to; finding something interesting

present *n.* something you get from somebody on your birthday

punishment *n.* punishing or hurting somebody for something wrong

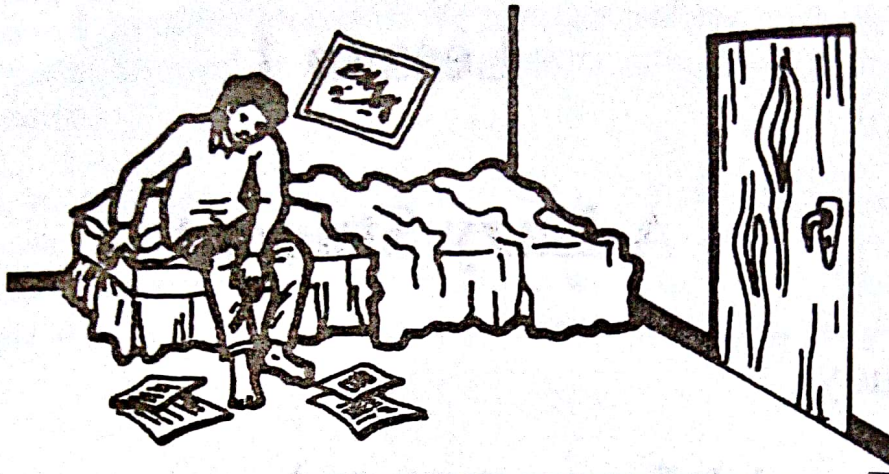
prepare *v.* make something ready

since *conj.* because

would rather *v.* prefer; like more

worried *adj.* not relaxed

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John is a student who isn't interested in studying. He prefers to have a good time. Naturally, when he took his examinations, he didn't get good marks. Since he was sure his father would be angry with him, he sent a telegram to his brother's house. In the telegram, he asked his brother to prepare his father for the bad news. The next morning, he received the following answer:

"Father is prepared. You'd better prepare yourself."

Comprehension Exercises

A. Put "T" for true and "F" for false statements.

- . F. 1. John likes to study a lot.
- . T. 2. He'd rather enjoy himself.
- . F. 3. In his tests, he got very high grades.
- . F. 4. He sent a telegram to his father.
- . T. 5. He was certain that his father would be angry with him.

Vocabulary

A. Find words from the passage that mean:

1. Did he enjoy himself at the party?
2. Did the teacher correct your math tests?
3. Did you receive many presents on your birthday?
4. Amir got good grades for his essays.
5. We must get ready for the celebration.
6. He would rather go to the cinema than stay at home.

have a good time
examinations
--get--
--marks--
--prepare--
--prefer--

B. Use the following words to fill in the blanks.

beautiful - prepare
next - since - sure
interested

1. Reza was the first to arrive and Ali was the ~~next~~.
2. She went to the kitchen to ~~prepare~~ something for dinner.
3. He must pass the exam ~~since~~ he is a good student.
4. Are you ~~sure~~ that the book is in the drawer?
5. Are you ~~interested~~ in listening to tapes?

C. Use the correct form of the words to fill in the blanks.

1. The film was so ~~interesting~~ that Reza wanted to see it again.
(interest)
2. Try to stand ~~naturally~~ while I take a photo. (nature)
3. I wasn't ~~prepared~~ for all these problems. (prepare)
4. Did you pass all your ~~exams~~ last term? (exam)

Lesson 2

Thunderstorm Safety

Word Study

Learn these words before you start to read.

attract *v.* make something come towards you

away *adv.* at a distance; not near

carry *v.* take with you; hold; keep (pt. & pp. **carried**)

lightning *n.* bright light that you see in the sky when it is cloudy

rubber *n.* something that you use for making wheels

safety *n.* being safe

shovel *n.* something that you use to move snow, sand, etc.

storm *n.* very bad weather with strong winds and rain

thunderstorm *n.* a storm with a loud noise and lightning

tire *n.* wheel

Thunderstorm Safety



- 1 Question: Where can you be safe in a thunderstorm when there is lightning?
- 2 Answer: If you are swimming, get out of the water immediately. Water attracts lightning. Tall trees attract lightning, too. Never stand under a tall tree during a storm. If you are in an open, flat place, get down. Do not carry metal things such as shovels during a thunderstorm.
- 3 Cars are usually safe from lightning because they have rubber tires. Most buildings are also a good place to be, but remember to stay away from windows. It is also a good idea to wait until the storm passes to talk on the telephone or to work on a computer.

Comprehension Exercises

A. Put "T" for true and "F" for false statements.

- . ~~T~~ 1. Shovels attract lightning.
- . ~~F~~ 2. It is not safe to stay in cars during storms.
- . ~~F~~ 3. When there is lightning, it is safe to talk on the phone.
- . ~~T~~ 4. When there is lightning, it is not safe to swim.
- . ~~F~~ 5. When there is lightning, it is safe to stay close to windows.

Vocabulary

A. Find words from the passage that mean:

1. There is only one sure way to do it. safe
2. Don't forget to take your umbrella when you go. carry
3. A strong wind broke many trees last week. storm
4. Rubber tires make cars safe in a thunderstorm. wheels
5. Tall trees take the lightning toward themselves. attract

B. Fill in the blanks with the following words.

immediately – remember – carry – attracted – safe – pass

1. The street was so crowded that cars were not able to pass.
2. The light attracted a lot of insects.
3. The bus had an accident, but the people in it are safe.
4. I can't wait. You should answer immediately.
5. Can you remember his name?

C. Give the correct form of the words in parentheses.

1. Most buildings in this city are very high. (build)
 2. We usually go to the North for our holidays. (usual)
 3. Never stand under a tall tree when it is stormy. (storm)
 4. He is a very good swimmer. He can swim very well. (swim)
 5. We did everything just for your safety. (safe)
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Lesson 5

Titanic

Word Study

Learn these words before you start to read.

aboard *adv.* on a ship

burst into *v.* start suddenly (pt. & pp. **burst**)

calm *adj.* quiet; without big waves; not stormy

cause *v.* make something happen

change course *v.* try to move in a different way or direction

drown *v.* die under water

fifteen hundred *number* one thousand and five hundred; 1500

hole *n.* opening

huge *adj.* very big

iceberg *n.* a very large piece of ice in the sea

laughter *n.* the sound of laughing

midnight *n.* 12 o'clock at night; middle of the night

occur *v.* happen; take place (pt. & pp. **occurred**)

ocean *n.* a very big sea

ocean liner *n.* a big ship that travels in oceans

on guard *adj.* careful; guarding; watching something to keep it safe

sink *v.* go down under water (pt. **sank**; pp. **sunk**)

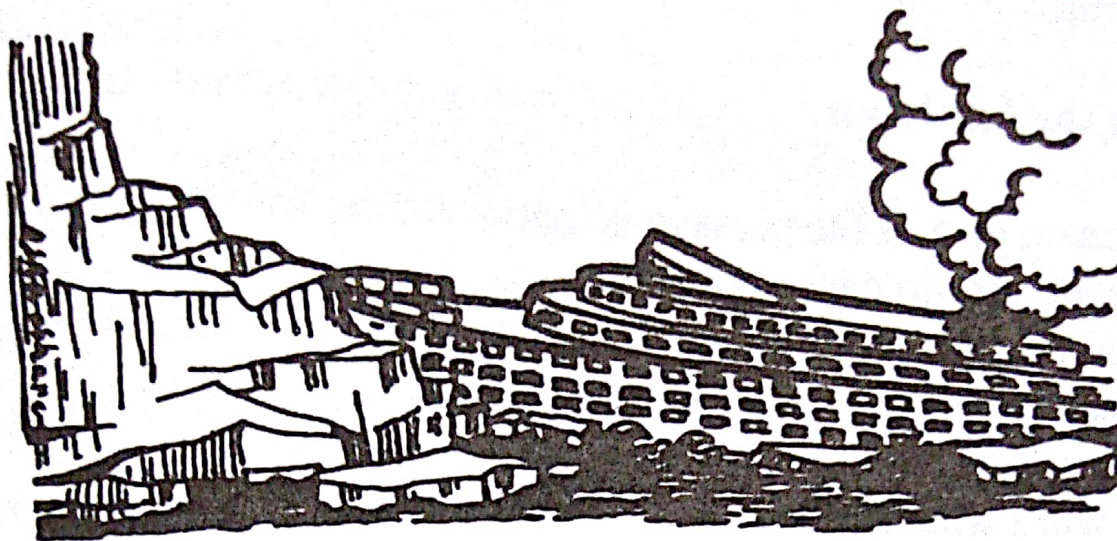
spacious *adj.* large; with a lot of space

tear *v.* cut; break (pt. **tore**; pp. **torn**)

thought *n.* thinking

tragedy *n.* sad story; disaster (*adj.* **tragic**)

Titanic



1 One of the greatest sea tragedies that has ever occurred was that of the steamship *Titanic*. It was the first trip of the giant ship. There were more than two thousand people aboard on their way to the United States from England.

2 It was on the night of April 14, 1912. The sea was calm, the weather beautiful. People were dancing in the spacious saloons. Music, laughter, and singing could be heard everywhere. The thought of danger was far away.

3 Suddenly, just before midnight, the sailor on guard cried: "*Iceberg!*" Before the ship could change her course, the iceberg had torn a huge hole in the bottom of the ship. Nothing could be done. The new ship went down into the sea. More than fifteen hundred people lost their lives on that tragic night.

Comprehension Exercises

A. Put "*T*" for *true* and "*F*" for *false* statements.

- . *T*. 1. In line 2, "that" refers to the tragedy.
- . *F*. 2. The ship had taken many trips before.
- . *F*. 3. The ship was going from the U.S. to England.

Vocabulary

A. Find words from the passage that mean:

1. The sinking of Titanic was a great sea disaster.
2. Some of the whales are very huge.
3. The hostess on the aircraft greeted the passengers with "Welcome on board".
4. The sea was not stormy.
5. All of a sudden, it began to rain.
6. The ship couldn't change her direction and struck an iceberg.
7. Over one hundred people were in the yard.

tragically

giant

aboard

calm

suddenly

course

more than

B. Use the following words to fill in the blanks.

2 4 10 1 5 6 8 9
also - icebergs - disasters - passengers - all - struck - saved - stop
7 nearby - dangerous

A huge new ocean liner was crossing the Atlantic in April 1912. She was carrying 2,000 ----- . She was ----- going very fast, which was ----- because there were ----- around. The passengers were ----- having a good time when the ship suddenly -----

one of the icebergs. The ship began to sink and the passengers tried to escape, but there were not enough lifeboats. Another ship was passing ----- . The Titanic fired rockets into the air in order to get the other ship's help. It could have ----- most of the passengers, but it did not even ----- . Two thirds of the passengers went down with the Titanic. It was one of the greatest ----- of all time.

C. Use the following words to fill in the blanks.

3 occurred – laughter – 5 giant – 4 spacious – 6 on guard – 1 lost – 2 tragic

1. I ----- my job when the factory closed.
2. Mehdi had a terrible accident. He never forgets this ----- event.
3. The accident ----- when it was dark.
4. The room is very -----; so everyone can have a seat.
5. Do you see that ----- ship in the sea?
6. At midnight, the soldier ----- cried "help".

D. Use the correct form of the words to fill in the blanks.

1. There was very ----- weather in Tehran during Nowrooz. (beauty)
2. The sea is stormy today. It is ----- to swim in it. (danger)
3. This is the ----- event I've had in my life. (great)
4. I could hear ----- in the next room. (laugh)
5. Hamid spends a lot of time in ----- about his aims in life. (think)