

The Ship and the Sea

A ship was on the sea. She was sailing to America. The ship had a lot of cargo. Ten people were in the ship; they were passengers; they were going to America.

The ship had a big crew. There were forty 5
men in the crew.

It was Christmas. It was cold. It was windy.

"The wind will get worse," said the captain.

"But we shall be all right."

The wind did get worse. It blew and it blew. 10

"The wind is strong," said one of the passengers.

"The wind is very, very strong."

"It is a gale."

"It is a terrible gale. Shall we ever get to 15
America?"

Up went the bows of the ship, down went
the bows of the ship. The waves hit her.
Splash! splash!

The ship rolled over to one side. The ship rolled over to the other side.

The waves hit the ship. The waves tossed her. The waves rolled her about.

5 "Will the wind die down soon?" said one of the passengers.

"Will the waves die down soon?" said another passenger.

"Don't worry," said the captain. "We shall
10 be all right."

The wind blew. The waves tossed the ship. The waves rolled the ship about.

A man ran to the captain.

"Captain," he said, "the ship has cracked.
15 She has cracked across the middle."

The Captain stays on

Captain Carlsen was alone on his sinking ship in the middle of the sea. Great waves were breaking on the ship.



A destroyer of the American Navy came along.

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"Hullo, Captain Carlsen!" she said. "Will you leave your ship and come on board?"

"No," said Captain Carlsen. "I will not come on board your ship, thank you. I will stay with my ship until she is towed to port. Or until she sinks."

5 "She will sink," said one of the sailors on board the destroyer.

"See," said another sailor, "she is more on one side now."

"Soon she will turn right over."

10 "The captain is a brave man. He thinks he will get his ship to port."

"How does he think he will get his ship to port?"

"He wants a tug to tow her back to port."

15 The wireless operator on the destroyer sent a message to England. "Send a tug to tow the *Flying Enterprise*."

A sailor said, "The wind is worse."

20 Another sailor said, "Look at the waves! See how they break on the *Flying Enterprise*."

"Can you see Captain Carlsen?"

"There he is. He is holding on to a rope. He is waving."

"He is sliding down the deck. See how the deck slopes."

"He is holding on to a rope. He is going into a cabin."

"Did you see that big wave? It broke all over the deck. The ship must sink soon." 5

All Alone

Captain Carlsen could not stand on the floor of his cabin. He stood on the wall of the cabin because the ship was over on one side.

He had a wireless set. He sent a message to
5 the American destroyer. "Please tell my wife
I am all right. Tell her not to worry."

The destroyer sent a message back. "All
right. We will tell your wife you are all right.
We have sent a message to England for a tug.
10 She will be here soon. Good night."

Night came on. The wind blew. The waves
beat on the ship. There were no lights on the
Flying Enterprise because there was so much
water in the ship.

15 The captain found a candle. He lighted the
candle. All the time the ship was going up and
down as she lay on her side. The captain did
not sleep much. He could not sleep. He had to
watch his ship.

The Captain has a Mate

"The tug is coming! The tug is coming!"

The sailors on the destroyer were glad. Captain Carlsen on the *Flying Enterprise* was glad.

"The wind is getting worse. The rain is getting worse. It is going to be a hard job to get a rope to the *Flying Enterprise*." 5

They had to get a rope to the *Flying Enterprise* so that they could tow her along.

The tug was an English tug. She was a little ship, but she was a strong ship. 10

"It's going to be hard to get a rope aboard the *Flying Enterprise*," said the captain of the tug to his mate.

"Yes," said the mate. (His name was Mr Dancy.) "But we will do it." 15

The tug drew near the *Flying Enterprise*.

"There is Captain Carlsen. He's holding on to the rails."

"The ship is nearly over. Do you think we can get her to England?"

"We'll have a good try. We've got to fix a rope between her and us. It won't be easy. The
5 waves are so big. The wind is so strong."

The two ships went up and down on the waves. The big ship was on her side, the little ship was coming nearer.

A man on the tug threw a rope. Captain
10 Carlsen tried to catch it. But he had to hold on to the rail. He had only one hand to catch with. He could not catch the rope.

"He can't catch it by himself," said a sailor.

"And even if he can catch it, he can't tie it
15 with one hand."

"He can't do it by himself," said the captain of the tug to himself.

"He will never do it by himself," said Mr Dancy to himself.

20 Captain Carlsen missed again.

The tug was close to the *Flying Enterprise* now. A wave lifted her up. *Bang!* She bumped against the *Flying Enterprise*. And Mr Dancy jumped!

But Mr Dancy saw that the ship was turning on her side more and more. The funnel was getting nearer and nearer to the sea.

Every two hours Captain Carlsen or Mr Dancy scrambled along the deck to look at the tow-rope.

Once Captain Carlsen took a pound of butter with him. He put it on the rope. It was to stop the rope wearing away. He did not want the rope to snap.

Every time they scrambled along the deck they got wet. In the cabin they tried to dry their clothes. They only had candles. They tried to dry their clothes by the candles!

"We are getting on fine," said the tug.

"Getting on fine," said the destroyer.

"Good old Captain Carlsen!" said every one in England and America and Denmark.

The King of Denmark said, "Captain Carlsen shall have a medal."

An aeroplane brought the medal to England. The captain was to have the medal when he got to land.

The tug came on; the *Flying Enterprise* was

One behind the Other

They went slowly; they went as slowly as you go when you walk.

The tug was in front; the *Flying Enterprise* was behind, going along on her side.

The destroyer was near. Sometimes it shot a rope over to the *Flying Enterprise* and sent a box of food to the two men. 5

A helicopter from England came over and took photographs and went away. An aeroplane came over and took photographs and went away. 10

And all the time the big waves beat upon the *Flying Enterprise*.

They talked about the *Flying Enterprise* on the wireless news. 15

"Will the *Flying Enterprise* get to England? Some people think she will; other people think she won't."

But every one said that Captain Carlsen was a brave man. And so was Mr Dancy. 20

6. page 11

1. Where was the sinking ship?
2. What were the waves doing?
3. What kind of ship came along?
4. What was Captain Carlsen asked?
(He was asked: "...?")

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5. How long would the captain stay with his ship? (He would ...)
6. What did the captain want a tug for?

7. page 12

1. Where did the wireless operator send a message?
3. What message did he send? (The message was: "...")
4. What about the wind?
5. What were the waves doing?
6. What was the captain holding on to?
7. Where was he going?

8. page 13

1. How was the captain moving on the deck?
2. Where was he going?
3. What did a big wave do?

9. page 14

1. Where could the captain not stand?
2. Why was he standing on the wall of the cabin?
3. What message did he send to the destroyer?
4. Where would the tug come from?
5. When would the tug be there?
6. What did the captain do with the candle?
7. Why could the captain not sleep?

10. page 15

1. How did the captain feel?
2. Why did he not have anything hot to drink?
3. What did he drink instead of tea?
4. How far was the Flying Enterprise from England?
5. What was the tug like?
6. How long was the Captain going to hold on?

11. pages 16/17

1. How many days went by?
2. What did the men on the destroyer decide to do?

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3. What kind of gun did they have?
4. What fell on the Flying Enterprise?

Questions on the Text: 20 Exercises

1. page 5

1. Where was the ship sailing?
2. What was there on board the ship?
3. How many sailors were there in the crew?
4. What time of year was it?
5. What was the weather like?
6. What did the bow and the stern of the ship do?

2. page 6

1. Where did the ship roll to?
2. What did the waves do?
3. What did one of the passengers ask?
4. What did the captain answer?
5. Who ran to the captain?
6. What was the captain told?

3. pages 7/8

1. Where did the captain go?
2. What did the crew do?
3. What did the passengers ask?
4. What were the sailors trying to mend?
5. What was the ship doing when she could not be steered any more?
6. What happened when the ship could not roll back?

4. page 9

1. What was the deck of the ship like?
2. What did the wireless operator do?
3. What else was there on the rough sea, beside the Flying Enterprise?
(There were ...)
4. What did the captain say passengers and crew must do?
(He said they must ...)
5. What could they not use?
6. How did they jump?
7. What did the other ships do?

5. page 10

1. Who picked up the passengers and the crew?
2. Where was the captain?
3. Who thought the ship would sink soon?
4. What did the captain think?
5. Where did the sailors (the crew) look?
6. Where was the captain?
7. Who was with the captain?

6	to toss	tɔs	to throw about — (hoch) schleudern, werfen
	to die	dai	sterben — opposite: to live
	to worry	'wʌri	to be afraid — sich sorgen
	to crack	kræk	an egg that drops (zu Boden fällt) cracks — einen Riß (ein Leck) bekommen

7	to happen	'hæpən	geschehen
	to be	draund	to die under water — ertrinken

8	drowned		
	calm	ka:m	quiet — ruhig
	to mend	mend	to repair; Mother mends my socks — ausbessern
	to try	traɪ	versuchen
	to steer	stiə	to lead a ship through the waves — steuern
	to drift	drift	to be carried along helplessly by the water — treiben
	to tip	tip	to lie on one side — umkippen
	she was tipped		she was turned to one side, she
	to one side		nearly turned upside down

9	deck	dek	the same word in German
	wireless	'waiəlis	without wire — drahtlos (old word for: radio)
	wireless		a man that works a radio —
	operator	'ɔpəreɪtə	Funker
	message	'mesɪdʒ	news — Mitteilung, Botschaft

VOCABULARY

THE SHIP THAT TURNED OVER

5	to sail	seil	to travel on the water — fahren (eines Schiffes)
	a lot of cargo	lot 'ka:rgou	very much the things that a ship carries — Fracht
	passenger	'pæsindʒə	a person that travels in a ship, a train, etc. — Fahrgast
	crew	kru:	the persons that work on a ship — Mannschaft
	windy	'windi	when the wind blows, it is windy — windig
	worse	wə:s	comp. of bad
	captain	'kæptin	first man in a crew — head of a ship
	gale	geil	a very strong wind — Sturm
	terrible	'terəbl	dreadful — schrecklich
	bows	bauz	foremost part of a ship — Bug
	wave	weiv	the sea moves in waves — Woge, Welle
	to hit, hit, hit	hit	to strike — treffen, schlagen
	splash	splæʃ	the noise of waves — platsch!