

## Cloze: The Truth about the Titanic - Part 1

This text is full of the third conditional. Example: *If he had come sooner, he would have saved the situation.* Fill in the gaps with a word from the box. There are 4 words that you don't need (distracters). 20 x 0.5 = 10 marks



The (0)\_\_\_\_\_ of the *Titanic* on its first voyage has (1)\_\_\_\_\_ people all over the world for a hundred years. It is a story surrounded by mystery and (2)\_\_\_\_\_. Here we answer the questions most often (3)\_\_\_\_\_ about the most famous of ships.

Why weren't there enough lifeboats?

The regulations controlling the number of lifeboats that a ship (4)\_\_\_\_\_ carry were terribly out of date. The *Titanic* only had to have 16 lifeboats, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ for 962 people. Nobody would have died on April 14th 1912 if the *Titanic* had had enough lifeboats for (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the passengers.

Was there another ship which could have helped the *Titanic*?

A small ship (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the *Californian* was only 20 kilometres away from the *Titanic*. It had (8)\_\_\_\_\_ for the night because of the icebergs. It was (9)\_\_\_\_\_ near that the two ships could see each other's (10)\_\_\_\_\_. The radio operator had just gone so he didn't hear the *Titanic*'s S.O.S. message. Later sailors saw the *Titanic*'s eight white rockets in the sky. They (11)\_\_\_\_\_ up their captain but he didn't do anything as he didn't think the rockets were (12)\_\_\_\_\_. if the *Californian* had known the *Titanic* was sinking, it would have rescued everybody. The captain of the *Californian* was later blamed for (13)\_\_\_\_\_ going to help the *Titanic* and his reputation was destroyed.

Was captain Smith to blame?

Although they had received (14)\_\_\_\_\_ warnings of icebergs from other ships in the (15)\_\_\_\_\_, the *Titanic* was (16)\_\_\_\_\_ at top speed. The captain of the *Titanic*, like other captains, was under great commercial pressure to make the Atlantic crossing as (17)\_\_\_\_\_ as possible. Also Bruce Ismay, the director of the White Star Line which owned the *Titanic*, was on board and he wanted his ship to beat the company (18)\_\_\_\_\_ for the fastest crossing. Another criticism of captain Smith is that he was not on the bridge at the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ of the collision. Perhaps if he had been there, his ship would not have (20)\_\_\_\_\_ the iceberg. Captain Smith and the ship's designer Thomas Andrews both drowned.

all	area	asked	called	cold
enough	fascinated	going	hit	icebergs
important	lights	not	quickly	record
several	should	sinking	slowly	so
speculation	stopped	time	weather	woke

0. <i>sinking</i>	→			
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.

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## • Reading Comprehension Assessment

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

### Better for the Public

I was shocked and saddened to hear how the city of Metroville has decided to treat one of its finest citizens, Marcus Weyland. Weyland's Ice Cream Shop has been a favorite of my children and grandchildren alike for almost 30 years. We have never had a bad experience at Weyland's—the ice cream and the customer service have always been first-rate. We love that we can enjoy a treat while also supporting a local business. Furthermore, we sincerely appreciate the way Mr. Weyland gives back to the community by always donating 50% of his Friday night profits to the Metroville Animal Shelter.

It was with great disappointment that I learned that Metroville is determined to force Mr. Weyland out of business so that they can turn the ice cream shop into a parking deck. By stating that the parking deck will be “for the use of the public,” the city has been able to claim eminent domain. This gives the city the right to purchase Mr. Weyland's shop, provided that they pay him “fair market value.”

The amount of money that the government will give Mr. Weyland is only what his building is currently worth. They are not compensating him for the money it will cost to open a new shop in another location. They are not compensating him for the wages he will lose as he moves his business. They are not compensating him for the legal fees he has to pay while dealing with this issue. Moreover, the city will also do absolutely nothing to help the shop's five employees who will now be out of work.

The city **alleges** that the parking deck will be in the public's best interest—but what good will yet another parking deck do for the city? Downtown Metroville already has three parking decks, and they are never filled to capacity. On the other hand, Weyland's is a family-run business that employs local citizens and gives back to the community. How can a parking deck possibly be better for the public than Weyland's Ice Cream Shop?

Metroville's citizens deserve to keep their beloved ice cream shop. More importantly, Marcus Weyland deserves better treatment from the city of Metroville.



- 1) As discussed in the passage, which of the following presents an example of a case involving "eminent domain"?
  - A. The city of Green Pines closes down Joe's Diner because it has too many health code violations.
  - B. Fred's Tire Shop, a small local business, is bought out by TireLand, a large national auto supply store.
  - C. Sandra can no longer afford to pay the rent on her store, Sofa Safari, because city property taxes have become too high.
  - D. The city of Stillwater pays Mrs. Graham \$12,238 so that it can turn part of her farmland into a bike path connecting two public parks.
  
- 2) Paragraph 3 makes use of which of the following literary devices
  - A. *Symbolism*, characterized by the use of an object or action that contains several layers of meaning, often concealed at first sight. A symbol means something more than just its literal meaning.
  - B. *Parallelism*, characterized by the use of phrases or clauses that are similar or complimentary in structure.

- C. *Foreshadowing*, characterized by the use of words or phrases that hint at something—typically something bad—that is going to happen later in the story. This is done without revealing the story or spoiling the suspense.
- D. *Personification*, characterized by the use of giving human qualities or emotions to animals, ideas, or objects.

3) As it is used in paragraph 4, the best synonym for the word **alleges** is

- A. accuses
- B. forgets
- C. claims
- D. complains

4) What evidence does the author present to suggest that Metroville does not need another parking deck?

- A. The other parking decks in Metroville are never full.
- B. The citizens of Metroville do not want another parking deck.
- C. Weyland’s Ice Cream Shop already has a parking lot that many people use.
- D. The city will not be able to afford to build another parking deck once it pays Weyland for his shop.

5) In the passage, the author makes all of the following claims EXCEPT

- A. The city is not going to pay Marcus Weyland for his building.
- B. The city is not going to help Marcus Weyland’s employees find other jobs.
- C. Weyland’s Ice Cream Shop has been in business for over 20 years.
- D. Marcus Weyland donates money to charity.

6) There are always two sides to every story. Imagine you are a Metroville government official in favor of the parking garage plan. How would you respond to this passage? Even if you personally agree with the narrator, answer as if you agreed with the government instead.

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Complete the sentences with one of the prepositions from the box.

**ABOUT - ACROSS - ALONG - BEHIND - BELOW - BY -  
FOR - FROM - NEAR - OF - OFF - ON - OVER -  
THROUGH - THROUGHOUT - TO - UNDER - UP - WITH**

1. The police prevented the protesters \_\_\_\_\_ entering the building.
2. Could you please take your feet \_\_\_\_\_ the table?
3. According \_\_\_\_\_ the latest report, the virus is spreading very quickly.
4. About a third of the Netherlands is \_\_\_\_\_ sea level.
5. The cat jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the wall into my neighbour's garden.
6. I have been living \_\_\_\_\_ my parents for a long time. It's hard to leave them.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the club rules, we are not allowed to let non-members play.
8. Today, scientists know that there is no water \_\_\_\_\_ the moon.
9. The school is \_\_\_\_\_ the post office.
10. The match has been cancelled because \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather.
11. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ a lot lately. I hope things will get better soon.
12. He ran \_\_\_\_\_ the hill until he was out of breath.
13. I don't know where the place is. It's not \_\_\_\_\_ any map I've seen.
14. There is a police car \_\_\_\_\_ us. I think they want us to pull over.
15. I have just read an interesting book \_\_\_\_\_ JFK's assassination.
16. He worked \_\_\_\_\_ the day and most of the evening.
17. Gun powder was invented \_\_\_\_\_ the Chinese.
18. Everyone was at the meeting, except \_\_\_\_\_ Jane. She was ill.
19. The dog ran \_\_\_\_\_ the road and hid \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.
20. We walked \_\_\_\_\_ the beach for at least a mile before we saw the first house.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given.

1. If he had been able to afford it, he \_\_\_\_\_ her a diamond ring. **(BUY)**
2. If it rains this afternoon, we \_\_\_\_\_ out. **(NOT GO)**
3. If she \_\_\_\_\_ the exam, she won't get the job she has applied for. **(NOT PASS)**
4. If she posted the letter now, they \_\_\_\_\_ it by Tuesday. **(RECEIVE)**
5. If I \_\_\_\_\_ about the dinner I would have come earlier. **(KNOW)**
6. My boss \_\_\_\_\_ angry if John comes to work late again. **(BE)**
7. If my girlfriend left me, I \_\_\_\_\_ miserable. **(FEEL)**
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ that if I were you. **(NOT SAY)**
9. If I had lost my way I \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearest police station. **(GO)**
10. If I \_\_\_\_\_ a spider in my bathroom I would cry out loud. **(SEE)**
11. The teacher will be very angry if you \_\_\_\_\_ in your homework on time. **(NOT HAND)**
12. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to learn a lot, you would have taken this course. **(WANT)**
13. If you \_\_\_\_\_ quickly you will catch the bus. **(RUN)**
14. I would be very proud if she \_\_\_\_\_ my sister. **(BE)**
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ to your party if I had had time. **(COME)**
16. If you \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers, they won't survive. **(NOT WATER)**
17. The beach would be an ideal place for a picnic if it \_\_\_\_\_ so crowded. **(NOT BE)**
18. If she \_\_\_\_\_ the book carefully, she would have understood it. **(READ)**
19. Be careful! If you touch this wire you \_\_\_\_\_ a shock. **(GET)**
20. She could win the race if she \_\_\_\_\_. **(TRY)**

Fill in the missing forms of the irregular verbs.

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
bite	bit	bitten
	bled	
		blown
		broken
	built	
	came	
cost		
draw		
	dreamed/dreamt	
		eaten
fall		
	flew	
		forgot/forgotten
		given
	grew	
hear		
hide		
	knew	
lead		
		lent
		lain
	met	
	read	
say		
	sold	
		shone
shoot		
		sung
	spent	
steal		

**Make reported questions from the sentences below!**

1. He asked me, "Can I take a photo?"  
He wondered if \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Joanne asked me, "Where did you buy that dress?"  
Joanne asked me \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. I wanted to know, "Where is the IT department?"  
I wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Denny asked me, "When are you leaving?"  
Denny asked me \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Linda asked her teacher, "When will you give us the results?"  
Linda asked her teacher \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Mom asked her, "How often do you look at your phone?"  
Mom wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Ashley asked me, "Who are you going to the ball with?"  
Ashley asked me \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. He asked me, "How many people have you invited to the party?"  
He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. John asked him, "Where should we put the new equipment?"  
John asked him \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. I asked Dad, "Are you going to the U.S.?"  
I wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. Mom wanted to know, "When will you start behaving?"  
Mom wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. The stranger asked me, "Do you speak Chinese?"  
The stranger asked me \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. Mary wanted to know, "What have you done with your hair?"  
Mary wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. I asked the teacher, "Can I go to the restroom?"  
I asked the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. Andy wanted to know, "Did your mom make the wedding dress?"  
Andy wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. Tessa asked me, "Have you ever driven a motor scooter?"  
Tessa asked me \_\_\_\_\_ .