

# "Oceans explores film world's deepest shipwreck"

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An American ocean exploration (1) team has filmed the world's deepest known shipwreck for the first time. The ship is a World War II US Navy (2) battleship called the USS Johnston. It was (3) sunk by the Japanese Navy on October the 25th, 1944 during the Battle of Samar in the Philippine Sea. The wreck now sits on the ocean (4) floor at a depth of around 6,456 metres. The film crew managed to go down to that incredible (5) depth and darkness and map and film the whole shipwreck. They filmed the ship from a specially built submersible that can deal with the (6) pressure of the deep ocean. They discovered it was about 30 metres deeper than (7) previously thought. The filming took place during two eight-hour (8) dives.

*sunk*  
*pressure*  
*floor*  
*dives*  
*team*  
*previously*  
*battleship*  
*depth*

The explorers are from a company called Caladan Oceanic. Its (9) founder is Victor Vescovo, a former US Navy commander. He has a (10) passion for adventure and for visiting some of the world's hardest-to-get-to places. He holds the (11) record for being the first person ever to get to the top of all the world's continents, both (12) poles, and the bottom of all the world's oceans. Mr Vescovo said the (13) mission to film the USS Johnston was a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ one because that ship and his submersible were made in the same shipyard and both (15) served in the US Navy. He said: "As a US Navy officer, I'm (16) proud to have helped bring clarity and closure to the Johnston, its crew, and the families of those who died on it."

*record*  
*poles*  
*personal*  
*passion*  
*proud*  
*founder*  
*served*  
*mission*

# "Titanic postcard could sell for \$15.000 at auction"

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A postcard written by a worker on the Titanic in 1912 could (1) **fetch** \$15,000 at an auction in the USA. The card was written by Jack Phillips, the ship's (2) **senior** wireless operator. He wrote the card to his sister while the Titanic was at (3) **port** in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He wrote: "Very (4) **busy** working late. Hope to leave on Monday and arrive in Southampton Wednesday afternoon. Hope you are OK." His (5) **message** ends with the words, "Love, Jack." The postcard (6) **features** photos of the Titanic on one side. On the address side of the card there is a (7) **postmark** from a post office in Belfast. The card is one of many (8) **objects** from the wreck of the Titanic in a multi-million-dollar auction.

The Titanic was a British passenger (9) **liner** completed in 1912. Its builders said the ship's design made it unsinkable. It (10) **embarked** on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April the 10th, 1912 and (11) **sank** in the North Atlantic Ocean five days later. The ship hit an (12) **iceberg**. The impact made a huge hole in the ship's hull. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew on (13) **board**, more than 1,500 died. Mr Phillips abandoned ship as water flooded the Titanic. He escaped and (14) **ended** up on an overturned lifeboat. He waited to be rescued but died of (15) **exposure** to severe cold. He was 25 years old. The story of the Titanic was made into a 1997 Oscar-winning movie (16) **starring** Leonardo DiCaprio.

*senior*  
*port*  
*features*  
*message*  
*objects*  
*fetch*  
*postmark*  
*busy*

*sank*  
*board*  
*starring*  
*liner*  
*exposure*  
*embarked*  
*ended*  
*iceberg*

## Conjunctions So That

1. I turned up the radio so that I can listen to the news.
2. Roberto is studying the history and government of Canada so that he can become a Canadian citizen.
3. Carolyn put on her reading glasses so that she can read the fine print at the bottom of the contract.
4. Jane is taking a course in auto mechanics so that she can fix her own car.
5. Al is working hard to impress his supervisor so that he can be considered for a promotion at this company.
6. Nancy is carrying extra courses every semester so that she can graduate early.
7. Jason is tired of work and school. He wants to take a semester off so that he can travel in Europe.
8. Suzanne lowered the volume on the TV set so that she cannot be disturbed.
9. During the parade, James lifted his daughter to his shoulder so that she can see the dancers in the street.
10. Whenever we are planning a vacation, we call a travel agent so that we can get expert advice on our itinerary.

## Simple Tenses Exercises 1 / Simple Tenses Worksheet 1

### A:

1. start / am starting
2. go / cost
3. is burning
4. am working / saving up
5. Smokes / is trying

### B:

1. were reading / were just turning / was knitting / was playing / opened / said
2. were you doing / did you do
3. was crossing / turned / hit
4. was cleaning / found

## Answers: Adjectives and Prepositions Exercise 1

1. England is famous for its rainy weather.
2. I'm very proud of my daughter, she worked very hard.
3. He isn't really interested in getting married.
4. Luke is very pleased with his exam results.
5. Unfortunately, I'm very bad at music.
6. I've been married to my husband for 10 years.
7. She's very excited about the party.
8. Julie is very different from her sister.
9. My niece is afraid of dogs.
10. A ball gown is similar to an evening dress.
11. What is your town famous for?
12. It's great you got that job - you should be proud of yourself.
13. I'm very excited about buying a new computer.
14. That bike is similar to yours.
15. She is interested in jazz.
16. Are you pleased with your new house?
17. Lucy is extremely good at languages.
18. Who is James married to?
19. English cheese is very different from French cheese.
20. He isn't afraid of anything.