

Maritime mysteries: Reading tasks



1 What is the difference between:

- a ship
- a boat
- a vessel
- a dinghy
- a catamaran, and
- a yacht?

2 Decide if the following sentences are facts or theories about the *Mary Celeste* case.

	Fact	Theory
1 The <i>Mary Celeste</i> was found on 14 November 1872.		
2 There were ten people on board the <i>Mary Celeste</i> .		
3 The ship was deliberately abandoned.		
4 Everybody left the ship quickly.		
5 The captain and crew thought the ship was sinking.		
6 There were ropes hanging over the side of the ship.		
7 At least one of the ropes had been attached to the lifeboat.		
8 The lifeboat broke away from the ship.		
9 It's more difficult to be in a storm in a small boat than a ship.		
10 The passengers drowned or died of thirst or hunger.		
11 Some of the barrels of alcohol were empty.		
12 Alcohol leaked from the barrels.		
13 The leaking alcohol caused fumes.		
14 The captain thought the boat was in danger of exploding.		
15 There was not a mutiny.		

3 Now find five theories about the *Kaz 11* case. Write the theories as sentences.

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