

TITANIC MECHANICAL and SOCIAL STRUCTURES – ACTIVITY ROADMAP

QUESTION 1 – Reference to the Titanic:

- a. Synonym for a “cruise ship”: an ocean **liner** / a passenger liner / this giant **vessel**
- b. Pronoun to refer to the Titanic: it he she
- c. In English, a means of transportation (= *moyens de transport* – ex: a car , a ship, a plane) is considered to be a female person male person

QUESTION 2 – “she was going to be the biggest, fastest, most luxurious liner ever built”:

- a. Form of the adjectives: superlative comparative

b. Adjectives:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • big adjectif : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court <input type="checkbox"/> long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fast adjectif : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court <input type="checkbox"/> long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • luxurious adjectif : <input type="checkbox"/> court <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> long
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- c. Structure: THE + adjectif (courts ET longs) + **est**

ex) smart = THE **smartest** / wonderful = THE **most** wonderful

QUESTION 3 – Titanic construction (A):

a. Beginning year: in the spring of 1909	b. Construction site and city: Harland and Wolf’s shipyard = Belfast harbour, Northern Ireland	c. Name of the company: The White Star Line
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QUESTION 4 – Titanic engineering:

- a. Number of propellers: 3 (triple propellers) | b. Source of energy: coal to produce steam
- c. Mechanism:

They put **coal** (n.) [*black mineral*] into the **boilers** (n.) [*machines*]. They lit (v. *irrégulier*) [*to light, lit, lit = to set fire = enflammer*] to it and it produces **steam** (n.) [*vapour*] which feeds the **propellers / engines** (n.) [*machines*] and makes the **ocean liner** (n.) [*big ship*] move.

QUESTION 5 – Titanic construction (B):

- a. Number of years to build Titanic: 3 years
- b. Expression to describe the Titanic ship: “a floating city”
- c. Synonym to talk about the “first voyage of a ship”:
 - beginning voyage
 - maiden voyage
 - starting voyage

QUESTION 6 – Titanic social structure:

a.	Name of the 3 social classes	1st (first) class = the richest	2nd (second) class	3rd (third) class = the poorest
b.	Ticket cost in 1912	£ 30 to £ 870	£12	£3 to £8
c.	Ticket cost equivalent today	£ 1,875 to £ 52,000	£750	£190 to £500
d.	Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • film stars • millionaires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school teachers • small businessmen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emigrants

- e. Emigrants’ native continent: all over Europe
 - ▶ **BONUS** - examples of countries: United-Kingdom, Ireland, France, Italy, Poland...
- f. Emigrants’ destination:
 - ▶ country: **THE** United States of America (**THE** USA)
 - ▶ city: New York City

BONUS: The emigrants — For n°1, WRITE hypothesis in the past.

1. (hypothesis) Reasons why they left: They may have experienced harsh (= very difficult) living conditions, they might have lost their jobs, they must have had no jobs...
2. Expectations (= goals): They were looking for a **better life** with **better living conditions**. They wanted a **job**, **money**, a **house** and they were expecting (*to expect = s’attendre à, espérer/vouloir*) to live the **American dream** and to start fresh (= to start anew (> *again*) = to begin a completely new and very different life).