

PART 3

You are going to read a magazine article about *the Titanic*. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A-H) the one which fits each gap (16-21). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Exploring the Ocean for a Long-lost Beauty

My first sighting of the Titanic lasted less than two minutes, but the image of her huge black hull lying on the ocean floor will remain in my memory forever. The search for the Titanic had dominated my life for 13 years, and now the quest was over.

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She is no longer the graceful lady that sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg. 16 She will never be raised, but the search for the Titanic, the most famous of ships, was the most exciting journey of my life.

Our first sighting of the ship took place from Alvin, a miniature submarine. As we began our two and a half hour descent to the ocean floor, we discovered our sonar was not working. Without that, we had to rely on our ship Atlantis II, on the surface, to guide us to the Titanic's location. Then we discovered another problem. 17 Without them, we would have very little time at the bottom of the ocean, if any at all. When we reached the bottom, however, there was no Titanic, just a lot of mud.

To add to our problems, the tracking system from Atlantis II wasn't working. The surface ship should have known where we were and where the Titanic was. 18 So close, and yet so far.

The alarm inside our submarine grew worse. As more sea water was entering the batteries, we had decided to return to the surface. 19 We were informed that the Titanic was only 50 yards away.

We slowly moved to the right until we were stopped by an enormous piece of black steel rising from the bottom of the ocean. At last we had reached our goal. The Titanic was a few inches away. 20 After gazing for a few minutes in silent wonder, we were forced to return to the surface.

Most of the eleven dives which followed were more rewarding. During one we investigated the question of the 300 foot cut in the Titanic's side, which was supposed to have been caused when she hit the iceberg. 21 It had simply bent inwards, allowing sea water to enter the ship and sink her.

Other dives produced scenes which will also remain with me forever. We saw the head of a child's doll and a cup delicately balanced on top of one of the ship's steam boilers. On another dive, as we moved past the Titanic, the round windows seemed to me like rows of sightless eyes filled with great tears of rust.

- A Salt water was entering the batteries which powered Alvin.
- B Then a voice suddenly came from Atlantis II telling us that the tracking system was working again.
- C Although we searched, there was nothing to indicate a hole in the steel plates.
- D In a way I'm sorry we found her.
- E In that instant we became the first people to see the Titanic in her watery grave.
- F We knew that if we were patient we would surely find the ship.
- G Her beauty has gone, destroyed by decades beneath the sea.
- H Instead we were lost, with no way of knowing that we were within yards of the ship.

PART 4

You are going to read some information about certain events. For questions 21-35, choose from the events (A-H). Some of the events may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Which event or events:

- offers facilities for children? 0 H
- are for bird enthusiasts? 22 23
- is for fans of Motown music? 24
- has entries from 40 different countries? 25
- will drinkers be anxious to attend? 26
- will music be played at? 27 28
- has over 600 displays? 29
- will have military vehicles? 30
- offer art and photographs? 31 32
- is for keen collectors? 33
- are regular summer shows? 34 35

What to See

Europe without walls A

This is a new show at Manchester City Art Galleries. It examines images surrounding the historic events of 1989 in what used to be the communist part of Europe - the fall of the Berlin Wall and the creation of new states which changed the face of Europe. There are posters, cartoons and postcards as well as fine art which help to recount the dramatic history, both past and present, of the Eastern bloc.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year B

From 1 to 30 January, at the Royal Photographic Society in Bath, entries to the world's biggest wildlife photographic competition will be on display. The entries have come from 40 different countries around the world. There are 14 categories to choose from in the show. These include Animal Behaviour, Endangered Wildlife, Urban Wildlife and a special category called From Dusk till Dawn.

London International Boat Show C

For ten days in January, at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre, there will be everything for people who enjoy the sea and sailing. You don't have to be a serious sailor to enjoy this, the biggest ever Boat Show. There are over 600 displays and more than 800 boats. There is also a special central feature this year: an indoor re-creation of the west coast of Scotland.

RSPB Avocet Cruises D

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has organised a series of boat cruises along the River Exe in Devon so that bird lovers can see the famous black and white avocet. The River Exe has the largest winter avocet flock in the southwest of England. There is also a chance to see 50 other types of birds. It is wise to book early.

Parrot Exhibition E

From 22 January to 20 March you will be able to see the most exotic exhibition of parrots. This colourful show is being held at Cliffe Castle in West Yorkshire. It covers all features of these bright and beautiful birds. The exhibition shows parrots in their natural state. There are also many references to these birds in popular culture. A show not to be missed.

London Victoria Record Collector's Fair F

This record fair will be held at the Horticultural Halls in Vincent Square on the weekend of 29-30 January. This is a fair made in heaven for those of you who are addicted to music. There will be thousands upon thousands of records, tapes, CDs and videos for those devoted to collecting. On Saturday there's a special 50's and 60's day, and Sunday is reserved for Motown and soul with live performances all day long.

Great British Beer Festival G

This traditional summer festival will be held this year at the Olympia Exhibition Centre from 2 to 6 August. You can raise your glass to nearly 500 different varieties of real ale, cider, perry and imported beer from all over the world. There will be live music every day in one section, but for drinkers who prefer conversation there is a music-free area.

Classic Car Show H

That great summer show dedicated to classic cars is here again and will be held at Knebworth on 28-29 August. There will be more than 800 classic cars on show, both from the pre-war and post-war eras. The vehicles on display will be commercial and military. There will also be individually designed cars and sports cars. For the children there will be an adventure playground.