

# Answers

1. Where was Titanic sailing from?  
**The Titanic was sailing from Southampton.**
2. How many watertight compartments were there?  
**There were 16 watertight compartments.**
3. What was the purpose of the propellers?  
**The purpose of the propellers was to power the ship through the sea.**
4. What was the purpose of the fourth funnel?  
**The fourth funnel was for kitchen ventilation and to make the ship seem more powerful.**
5. Can you explain why a second class passenger would have been impressed with their facilities?  
**Second class passengers would have been impressed with the facilities because second class on Titanic was comparable to first class standard on any other ship at the time.**
6. Why do you think Captain Smith ignored several iceberg warnings and continued at speed?  
**Various answers. For example, 'This was Titanic's maiden voyage. He wanted to make sure that the ship reached New York on time. This would show the world how powerful and reliable Titanic was.'**
7. Was Titanic breaking the rules by only having 16 lifeboats? Explain your answer fully.  
**At the time, the British Board of Trade rules stated that the largest ships must have 16 lifeboats, therefore the Titanic wasn't breaking the rules. However, the rules were nearly 20 years old and at that time, the largest ships were four times smaller than that of Titanic.**
8. Which fact tells us that the lifeboats were not used effectively? Why do you think this happened?  
**The lifeboats were not used effectively since when they were launched, they were not full. Various answers.**
9. What do you think was to blame for the disaster? Explain your reasoning.  
**Various answers and reasoning.**
10. Give three words which describe how people might have been feeling when they discovered the ship was sinking. Explain your choices.  
**Various answers and reasoning. For example, Terrified, because they did not know if they were going to live or die.**