

# THE “MARY CELESTE”



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# DO YOU KNOW THAT ...



... the job of a sailor is one of the oldest in the world. It is very dangerous and there are a lot of mysteries at sea. That's why the sailors have always been very superstitious. In ancient times they decorated their ships to please their Gods. In the East seamen painted eyes on the ships to look for the spirits.





# DO YOU KNOW THAT ...



- Most of the sailors don't like to sail off on Friday.
- It is good to have a black cat on board. But if it starts to frisk, the storm will start soon.
- A dead man on board brings bad luck. So they try to bury him in the waves as soon as possible.
- A child on board brings luck, especially if the baby was born on board.
- A ship won't be lucky if she has changed her name.





# DO YOU KNOW THAT ...



... that the story of the “Ghost Ship” is more than 300 years old. It isn’t known for sure if there was a prototype for this story. But his followers are well – known. In 1840 a French ship was found adrift with her sails up not far from the Bahamas. But there was no crew on board. In 1881 the same story happened to the British ship “Helen Ostine”, when it had been already known about the “Atlanta”. But the most exciting story happened to the “Mary Celeste”.



# PERSONAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES:

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN BRIGGS



GENOA



The "MARY CELESTE"



OTIA, CANADA

CAPTAIN MOREHOUSE



THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

THE "DEI GRATIA"



CAPE BRETON ISLAND







## IN THE FILM YOU ARE TO FIND OUT:

- *The original name of the ship.*
- *The time of the voyage, which made it famous.*
- *The number of people on board . Who / What were they?*
- *The place of departure.*
- *The cargo on board the ship.*
- *Who investigated the ship.*





<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUSzRiiwAGc&feature=related>





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# LET'S PLAY "HATS".



The group of the “red hat” is to give some arguments to prove this explanation.



The group of the “black hat” must suggest the explanations of what happened to the crew of the “Mary Celeste”.



The group of the “blue hat” is supposed to name some facts against this explanation.



# FOR EXAMPLE:



- To my mind, people saw water in the hold and thought that the ship was going to sink. They panicked, launched the lifeboat and sailed away. But they couldn't reach the shore in a storm.



- I think you are right. It is obvious that people left the ship in a hurry. They surely panicked. Even the food was left on the table. The captain was going to have his dinner. And his daughter was playing with the toys. It happened all of a sudden.



- It can't be the truth. Captain Briggs was very experienced. He could see that there was no danger. Besides, the pumps worked well. You didn't persuade me.



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**THANK YOU FOR THE LESSON. GOOD LUCK!**



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