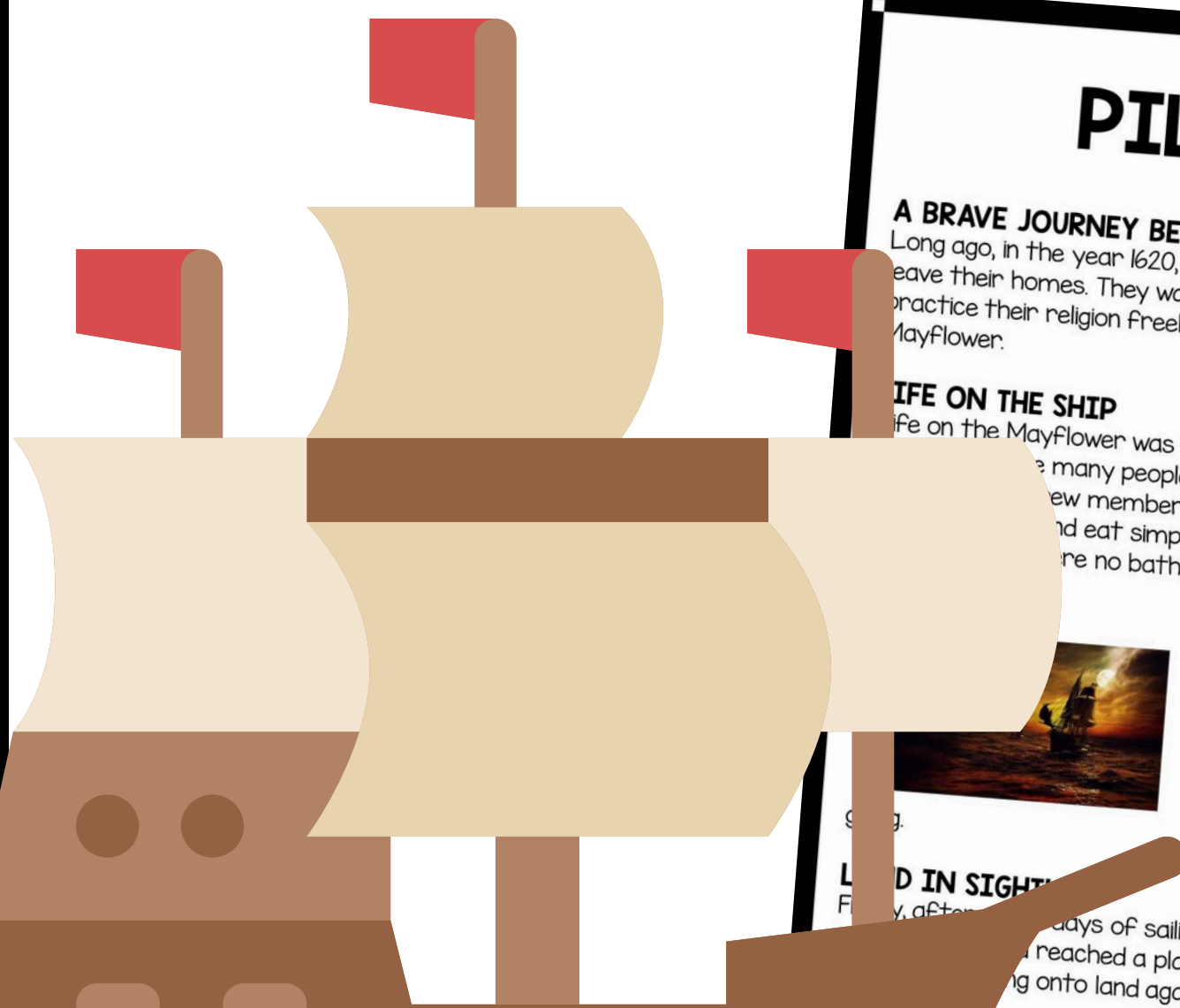


# The Mayflower

# PILGRIM SHIP

## READING COMPREHENSION



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**PILGRIM SHIP**

**A BRAVE JOURNEY BEGINS**  
Long ago, in the year 1620, a brave group of people called Pilgrims decided to leave their homes. They wanted to find a new place to live where they could practice their religion freely. Their journey started on a big ship called the Mayflower.



**LIFE ON THE SHIP**  
Life on the Mayflower was tough. It was a small ship, with many people on board—102 passengers and crew members. The Pilgrims had to sleep in small quarters and eat simple food like dried meat and bread. There were no bathrooms, so staying clean was a challenge.

**SAILING ACROSS THE OCEAN**  
The journey across the ocean was long and difficult. It took 66 days to cross the big, wavy sea. Sometimes there were storms that made the ship rock back and forth. Some people got very sick, but they all stayed strong and kept sailing.

**LAND IN SIGHT**  
After many days of sailing, the Pilgrims saw land in the distance. When they reached a place they called Plymouth, they felt wonderful and happy to be on land again.

**A NEW HOME**  
The journey wasn't over yet. The Pilgrims had to build a new home, and the weather was cold. They worked hard to build houses out of wood.

**MEETING NATIVE FRIENDS**  
The Pilgrims weren't alone in their new land. They met Native Americans who lived there. One of them was named Squanto. He became friends with the Pilgrims and taught them many important things, like how to plant corn.



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MCQ'S  
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ANSWER KEY**

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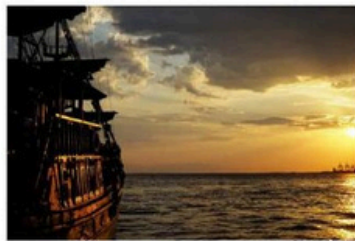
## PILGRIM SHIP

### A BRAVE JOURNEY BEGINS

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### LIFE ON THE SHIP

Life on the Mayflower was tough. It was a small ship, and there were many people on board—102 passengers and about 30 crew members. The Pilgrims had to sleep on hard floors and eat simple food like dried meat and biscuits. There were no bathrooms, so staying clean was hard too.



### SAILING ACROSS THE OCEAN

The journey across the ocean was long and difficult. It took 66 days to cross the big, wavy sea. Sometimes there were storms that made the ship rock back and forth. Some people got very sick, but they all stayed strong and kept

going.

### LAND IN SIGHT!

Finally, after many days of sailing, the Pilgrims saw land! They were so happy and relieved. They had reached a place they called Plymouth, in a new land called America. Stepping onto land again felt wonderful after so long on the rocking ship.

### BUILDING A NEW HOME

But their journey wasn't over yet. The Pilgrims had to build their new homes. It was winter, and the weather was cold. They worked hard every day, chopping down trees and building houses out of wood.

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### MEETING NATIVE FRIENDS

The Pilgrims weren't alone in their new land. They met Native Americans who already lived there. One of them was named Squanto. He became friends with the Pilgrims and taught them many important things, like how to plant corn and catch fish.

### FIRST THANKSGIVING

After a year of hard work and help from their new friends, the Pilgrims had a big feast. They invited the Native Americans to celebrate with them. This special celebration is called the first Thanksgiving. They gave thanks for their new home and their new friends.



### REMEMBERING THE MAYFLOWER

Today, we remember the Mayflower and the brave Pilgrims who sailed on her. Their journey is an important part of history. Every year, we celebrate Thanksgiving to remember their first feast and to be thankful for the good things in our lives.

### CONCLUSION

The story of the Mayflower teaches us about courage, friendship, and gratitude. It shows how people can work together to make a new home and celebrate together.

READING COMPREHENSION

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# PILGRIM SHIP

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. In which year did the Pilgrims embark on their journey aboard the Mayflower?**
  - a) 1620
  - b) 1720
  - c) 1820
  - d) 1520
- 2. How many passengers were aboard the Mayflower?**
  - a) 50
  - b) 102
  - c) 75
  - d) 120
- 3. What was the weather like when the Pilgrims arrived in America?**
  - a) Summer
  - b) Winter
  - c) Spring
  - d) Fall
- 4. Who helped the Pilgrims learn how to plant corn and catch fish?**
  - a) Squanto
  - b) Christopher Columbus
  - c) Captain Smith
  - d) Pocahontas
- 5. How long did the journey across the ocean take?**
  - a) 30 days
  - b) 45 days
  - c) 66 days
  - d) 90 days

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When did the Pilgrims set sail on the Mayflower?
2. What challenges did the Pilgrims face on the Mayflower?
3. Who helped the Pilgrims when they arrived in America?
4. What did the Pilgrims celebrate after a year in America?
5. What lesson does the story of the Mayflower teach us?

6. What was life like on the Mayflower?  
a) Comfortable  
b) Crowded and difficult  
c) Luxurious  
d) Boring

7. What did the Pilgrims celebrate after a year in America?  
a) Christmas  
b) Halloween  
c) Thanksgiving  
d) Independence Day

8. What did the Pilgrims have to do when they arrived in America?  
a) Explore new cities  
b) Build their homes  
c) Plant crops  
d) Go fishing

9. Who taught the Pilgrims how to live in America?  
a) Spanish settlers  
b) Native Americans  
c) French traders  
d) British soldiers

10. What lesson does the story of the Mayflower teach us?  
a) About courage, friendship, and gratitude  
b) About exploring new lands for treasure  
c) About fighting wars for freedom  
d) About sailing on big ships

## ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. a) 1620
2. b) 102
3. b) Winter
4. a) Squanto
5. c) 66 days
6. b) Crowded and difficult
7. c) Thanksgiving
8. b) Build their homes
9. b) Native Americans
10. a) About courage, friendship, and gratitude

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The Pilgrims set sail on the Mayflower in the year 1620.
2. The Pilgrims faced challenges such as crowded living conditions, harsh weather, and seasickness during their journey on the Mayflower.
3. The Pilgrims were helped by Native Americans, including a man named Squanto, when they reached America.
4. After a year in America, the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving.
5. The story of the Mayflower teaches us about courage, friendship, and gratitude.

10 - MCQ'S & 5  
QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY  
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