

READING WORKSHEET



THE MARY CELESTE

The story began on December 5th 1872. Captain Morehouse was sailing in the Atlantic Ocean when he saw another ship. It was moving strangely, so he sailed his own ship closer to have a look. He saw that the other ship was called the Mary Celeste. He knew

ship because he'd met the captain in New York a month

ago. Captain Morehouse climbed onto the Mary Celeste. There was nobody there! He looked at the ship's logbook, but nobody had written anything since November 23rd. On that day, the ship had been more than 1,000 kilometers away. The Mary Celeste had sailed for nine days and traveled more than 1,000 kilometers without any sailors.

Morehouse was amazed. He found food, clothes and other possessions on the ship, but there weren't any people. What had happened to the captain of the Mary Celeste and the other sailors? Why had they left their possessions on the ship? Nobody knew.

In 1913, a schoolteacher called Howard Linford wrote a magazine article about the Mary Celeste. He'd met one of the sailors from the ship and the sailor had told him this story:

One day the captain of the Mary Celeste had a swimming race with another sailor in the ocean. Sharks ate both men. Then, the other sailors fell into the water. Only one sailor survived- the sailor that told Howard Linford the story. In fact the sailor's story probably isn't true - but nobody has ever discovered the truth about the Mary Celeste.

I. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

DO NOT USE MORE THAN THREE WORDS

1. When did the story start? _____
2. What's the name of the ship? _____
3. How many days did the ship sail empty? _____
4. Name two things Morehouse found in the ship _____
5. Who is Howard Linford? _____
6. Who ate the two sailors? _____

II. NUMBER AND SEQUENCE THE EVENTS

- _____ A sailor told the real story to Howard Linford.
- _____ There was nobody on the Mary Celeste.
- _____ Captain Morehouse saw a ship called Mary Celeste.
- _____ The Captain of the Mary Celeste and was eaten by sharks.
- _____ Captain Morehouse found clothes and food on the ship.
- _____ Captain Morehouse was sailing in the Atlantic Ocean.