



CAPTAIN MAC

PRE-READING

1. What can you see inside this vehicle?
2. Who is usually working there?
3. Have you dreamed of getting in there?

VOCABULARY PREVIEW

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| 1. He wants to become a cook in the future. | a. be successful in a contest |
| 2. That ship is sinking fast. | b. a tall upright post |
| 3. The place is not on the map . | c. a large boat |
| 4. Once on deck, he climbed the mast . | d. a drawing of a particular area |
| 5. The sailors climbed up into the rigging . | e. ropes and chains supporting the spar and sails |



READING

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Captain Mac is busy. He sails at half past ten.

But he still needs to find a crew. "Can I get ten men?"

"I can be the cook," says Tom, "Look out, or you'll get wet.

I can catch our supper. I can get it on the net."

"Stop the hungry rat!" cries Mac. Ron has a pet for that.

"My cat will do the job," he cries, "A cat can get a rat."

"Who can clean the ship?" asks Mac, "Right now it looks a wreck."

"Don't worry, Captain Mac," says Ned, "I can mop a deck."

"Who can help us find our way?" Mac gives his charts a tap.

"I know which one to use," says Nat, "I can pick a map."

Soon Mac has found nine sailors. One more and he can stop.

"I can climb the mast," says Rick, "Can I get up on top?"

Now Rick is feeling dizzy. He has to come down quick.

A sailor's life is not for him. He's leaving. Rick is sick.

A girl runs up. "I'm Pam," she cries. She's on board with a hop.

"I'd like a job." "Let's see," says Mac, "Pam, get up on top!"

Pam scrambles up the rigging. "The job is yours," shouts Mac.

"Get ready for the journey, lass. Run, kid. Run and pack!"

"My crew's complete," beams Captain Mac, "And everyone's a gem.

The clock has struck, the tide is right. I did it. I got ten!"

WORK PRACTICE

Choose the best answer.

1. The ____ says we need to go eastward.

- a. mapping b. map c. mapped d. maps

2. The ship has four _____ and 16 sails

- a. mashes b. masses c. masks d. masts

3. My _____ prepares the most delicious birria.

- a. boil b. cook c. fry d. deep



READING COMPREHENSION

Choose the best answer.

1. How many sailors did Captain Mac need?
 - a. only one
 - b. at least five
 - c. all ten
 - d. more than ten

2. Who owned a cat?
 - a. Ron
 - b. Rey
 - c. Rick
 - d. Pam

3. What did Nat offer to do for Mac?
 - a. clean the ship
 - b. read the map
 - c. control the wheel
 - d. raise the sail