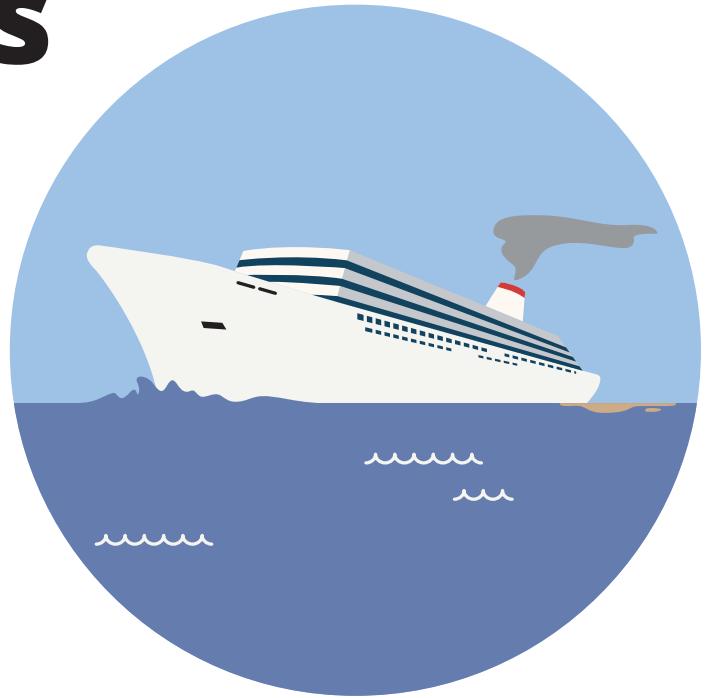


# Cruise Ships

## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. What is a cruise ship?
2. Why are cruises popular?
3. What are some positive and negative things about cruising?



### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match up as many words and meanings as you can.

Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

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|---------------------|--|
| _____ 1. passenger  | a) a possible problem  |
| _____ 2. retired    | b) the global spread of a new disease                            |
| _____ 3. reputation | c) the opinion that people have of someone or something          |
| _____ 4. assault    | d) to get better, to return to normal                            |
| _____ 5. risk       | e) a physical attack   |
| _____ 6. pandemic   | f) a person traveling by car, plane, ship, etc. (not the driver) |
| _____ 7. quarantine | g) no longer working   |
| _____ 8. recover    | h) a time of isolation to stop the spread of disease             |

# Reading

## CRUISE SHIPS

1. Cruise ships are large **passenger** ships used mainly for vacationing. They are popular with families and **retired** people. Many people like cruising because they can visit various places in one vacation. Cruise ships provide food, drinks, and entertainment. However, there is also a darker side to cruise ships.
2. The cruise line industry has a bad **reputation** for many reasons. As cruise ships travel between different countries, crimes like theft and **assault** can occur. Cruise ships also pollute the waters and damage the environment. Do you remember the *Costa Concordia*? When this Italian cruise ship hit a rock and sank in 2012, 32 people died. Oil spilled in the protected waters, and the captain served jail time for related crimes.
3. At the beginning of the COVID-19 **pandemic**, many people realized the health and safety **risks** of cruising. As nations closed their borders, cruise ships had nowhere to go. With so many vacationers sharing a small space, it was also impossible to stop the virus from spreading.
4. The *Diamond Princess* was traveling near Japan at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. This cruise ship had almost 4,000 passengers and crew on board. When one of the passengers tested positive for the virus, the ship went into **quarantine**. Soon, 700 passengers tested positive. This was the largest outbreak outside of China at the time. By the end of April, at least 30 cruise ships had COVID-19 outbreaks.
5. Like many other industries, cruise lines shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic. Will the cruise line industry ever **recover**?

### The Prefix Re-

Many words that start with “re” relate to something happening *again*. Can you think of any more?

- recover
- review
- repeat
- remember
- recycle
- redo
- return
- rewrite
- reverse
- remind

# Comprehension

## A. Questions

Discuss these questions in pairs and write the answers in your notebook.

1. What is a cruise ship?
2. How do cruise ships damage the environment?
3. What does the reading say about crimes and cruise ships?
4. Why are cruise ships unsafe during pandemics?
5. What is the main purpose of the last paragraph?

## B. Sorting

Look at the topics. Which paragraph in the reading does each one belong to?

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Why are cruise ships dangerous during pandemics?
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. What are some negative points about cruise ships?
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. What will happen to the cruise line industry?
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. Why are cruise ships popular?
- \_\_\_\_\_ E. What happened on the *Diamond Princess*?

### **Movement Break**

Imagine you just won a free vacation on a cruise. Stand up and cheer! Listen to the teacher read the following situations. If you still want to go on the cruise, stand up (or stay standing). If you don't want to go anymore, sit down.

- Situation 1: You need to pay for food and drinks separately.
- Situation 2: You are going to visit several crowded islands.
- Situation 3: You can only visit beaches owned by the cruise line.
- Situation 4: This cruise is known for polluting the local shores.
- Situation 5: There's one passenger infected with COVID-19 on board.

Are you standing or sitting? Explain your reason to the class.

## Vocabulary Review

### A. Word Forms

Circle the best word to complete each sentence.

1. A violent passenger was arrested for \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) quarantine  
b) assault  
c) enforcement
2. Crew members who are \_\_\_\_\_ must stay home from work.  
a) infected  
b) retired  
c) assaulted
3. The coronavirus \_\_\_\_\_ has affected people all over the world.  
a) recover  
b) pandemic  
c) reputation
4. The people on the ship were \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid spreading the infection.  
a) quarantined  
b) assaulted  
c) retired
5. Cruise ships don't have a good \_\_\_\_\_, especially with environmentalists.  
a) quarantine  
b) passenger  
c) reputation
6. I don't know if the cruise lines will \_\_\_\_\_ from this pandemic.  
a) repeat  
b) recover  
c) reverse

### B. Opposites

Circle the word or phrase that means the **opposite** of each word from the reading.

1. passenger  
a) crew member  
b) ship  
c) vacation
2. retired  
a) traveling  
b) working  
c) wealthy
3. recover  
a) remain unhealthy  
b) review  
c) return to normal
4. quarantine  
a) reputation  
b) retirement  
c) freedom to move around
5. assault  
a) vacation  
b) pollution  
c) kind treatment

## Discussion

1. Some cruise ships carry up to 7,000 people. Is that too many people?
2. Would you go on a cruise now that you know more about the negative experiences?
3. What is the safest form of travel?
4. Are all forms of travel dangerous in a pandemic?
5. Which method of travel is best for the environment?

## Class Opinion

Walk around the class and ask your classmates the questions in the chart. Write their answers in the blank boxes.

Classmate's Name	Have you ever been on a cruise? If yes, where did you go?	What is the best part about going on a cruise?	What is the greatest risk of going on a cruise?

# Listening

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the recording.

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5. Like many other industries, cruise \_\_\_\_\_ shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic. Will the cruise line industry ever \_\_\_\_\_?

# Answer Key

**LESSON DESCRIPTION:**

Students read about and discuss cruise ships and their negative aspects. They review vocabulary and survey their classmates.

**TEACHING TIPS:**

See our Discussion Starters Teaching Guide (<https://esllibrary.com/courses/72/lessons/>) for a variety of ways to use the reading.

**LEVEL:** Low Int

**TIME:** 1.5–2 hours

**TAGS:** discussion, cruise ships, travel, vacation, COVID-19, coronavirus, quarantine, vocabulary, ships, prefix

## Pre-Reading

**A. WARM-UP QUESTIONS**

Have students work in small groups or as a class.

**B. VOCABULARY PREVIEW**

- |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1. f | 3. c | 5. a | 7. h |
| 2. g | 4. e | 6. b | 8. d |

## Reading (and/or Listening)

Read individually, in small groups, or as a class. You can also play the listening as your students read along. A gap-fill version of the reading is available on page 6. Help your students with vocabulary and expressions that they are unfamiliar with. Discuss how the word *quarantine* can be used as both a verb and a noun. Ask your students throughout the lesson: *Is this a noun or a verb?*

## Comprehension

**A. QUESTIONS**

1. A cruise ship is a large passenger ship used mainly for vacationing.
2. Cruise ships damage the environment by creating pollution.
3. Crimes often occur on cruise ships because they travel between countries with different laws.
4. Cruise ships are unsafe during pandemics because many passengers are close together in a small space and infections can spread easily.
5. The last paragraph gets the reader thinking about the future of the cruise line industry.

**B. SORTING**

- A. 3      B. 2      C. 5      D. 1      E. 4

*(continued on the next page...)*

# Answer Key cont.

## Vocabulary Review

### A. WORD FORMS

1. b      2. a      3. b      4. a      5. c      6. b

### B. OPPOSITES

1. a      2. b      3. a      4. c      5. c

## Discussion

Answers will vary.

Can be done individually or in small groups or pairs.

## Class Survey

Answers will vary.

## Listening

1. passenger, retired, vacation
2. assault, crimes
3. pandemic, risks
4. crew, quarantine
5. lines, recover

### SPELLING NOTE:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the word *Traveling*.

Most other English-speaking countries spell these words this way:

*Travelling*. Make it a challenge for your students to find this word in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spelling.