

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *The Unsinkable Wreck of the R.M.S. Titanic*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

cramped shut into a small space

debris scattered fragments; ruins

interior inner surface or part; inside

ooze a soft mud or slime, especially at the bottom of a pond or river or on the ocean bottom

robotic of or for a machine with moving parts and sensing devices controlled by a computer

sediment material that settles to the bottom of a liquid

sonar device for finding the depth of water or for detecting and locating underwater objects. Sonar sends sound waves into water, and they are reflected back when they strike the bottom or any object.

Grammar

Adjectives and Articles

An **adjective** is a word that modifies a noun or pronoun. It usually, but not always, comes before the noun it describes. When an adjective is used to modify a pronoun, it usually comes after the pronoun and follows a linking verb such as *is*, *was*, *look*, or *seem*. Most adjectives answer the questions *What kind?*, *How many?*, *How much?*, or *Which one?* The words *a*, *an*, and *the* are special adjectives called **articles**.

Activity

Whose News? Select a few sentences from a newspaper article. Circle all the adjectives in the text and number them. Next, create a numbered list with the same number of blank entries as the number of adjectives in the news article. Have a family member write one adjective on each blank. Now read the news article aloud, inserting the new adjectives where the old adjectives were. What kind of story does the article tell now?

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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