



UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Read chapter five of the story then answer the following questions to see how much you understand about what you read.

1. Table Bay is now called Cape Town. Where in the world is Table Bay?
2. What were the ships doing at Table Bay?
3. How many days were the convicts served 'half decent meals'?
4. What position did William Hill hold?
5. Which ocean lies between Africa and Australia?
6. What is a 'wet' vessel?
7. What part of the ship 'hummed an eerie note'?
8. Who gave up the ghost?
9. What gave Joseph hope?
10. Which words in the text mean:
 - to undergo neglect or experience prolonged inactivity; suffer hardship and distress
 - the act of sending out a detached force of troops or naval ships.
 - Having or showing no remorse for one's actions
11. The word stern was used to describe Captain Williams. It is also a part of a ship. What part of a ship does it refer to?



HEADLINES AND CAPTIONS

One of the supply ships never made it to Port Jackson The H.M.S. Guardian, commanded by Lieut. Edward Riou, laden with two years' provisions for the new colony, left London in July 1789, but was wrecked on an iceberg twelve days out of Cape Town. Accounts of the disaster were published in newspapers in 1790.

WRITE three headlines that may have appeared in the newspaper at the time about the incident.



Robert Dodd (1748-1816), a well-known marine painter of the period painted this picture from a description of the disaster.

WRITE a caption to match the picture.

A caption starts with a brief phrase/kicker (a sort of headline). It is followed by the substance of the caption.

Eg. SHIP WRECKED: Part of the Crew of his Majesty's Ship Guardian endeavouring to escape in the boats.

