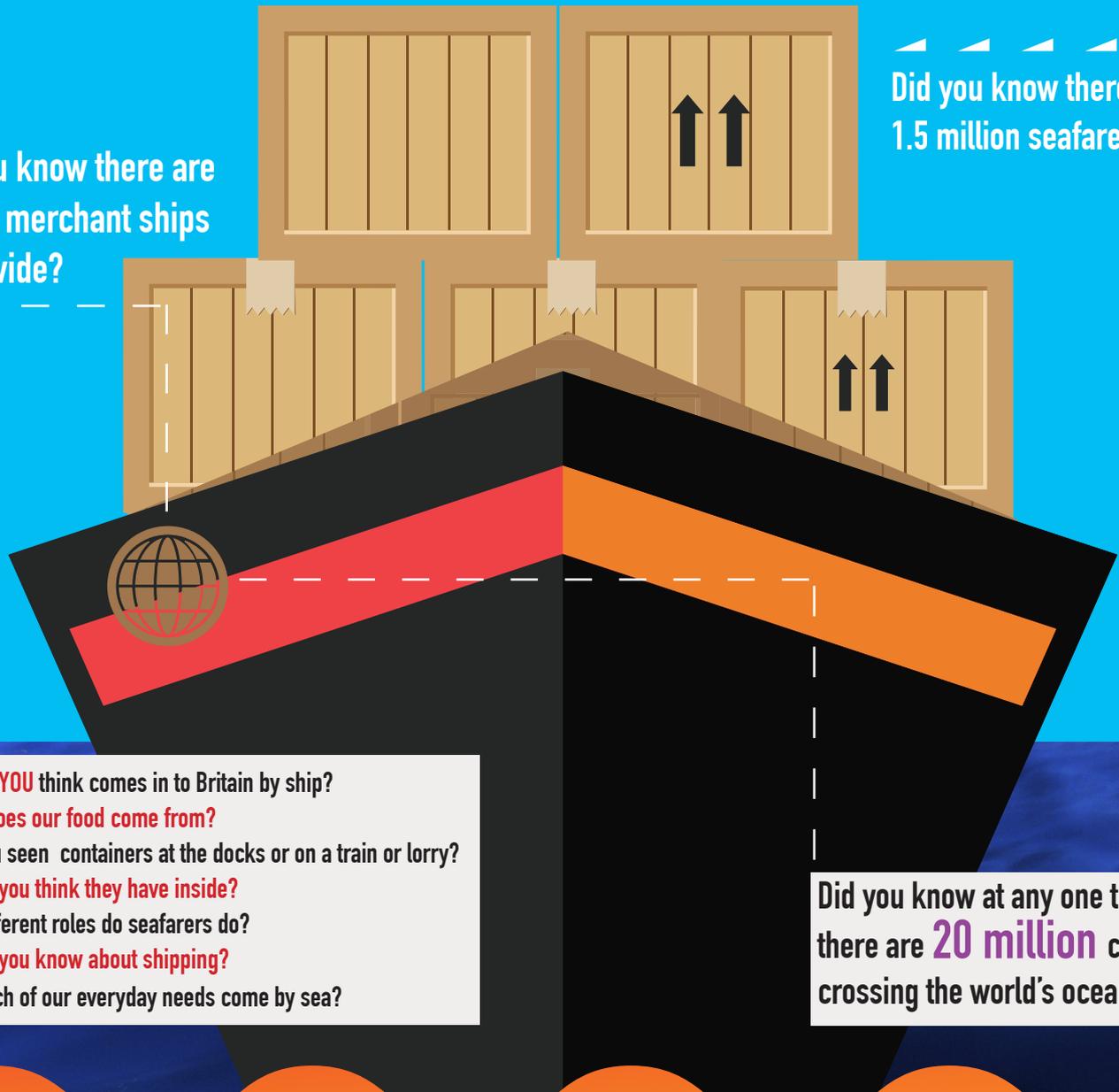


Came by Ship Writing Competition

Did you know there are 55,000 merchant ships worldwide?

Did you know there are 1.5 million seafarers at sea?



What do **YOU** think comes in to Britain by ship?
Where does our food come from?
Have you seen containers at the docks or on a train or lorry?
What do you think they have inside?
What different roles do seafarers do?
What do you know about shipping?
How much of our everyday needs come by sea?

Did you know at any one time there are **20 million** containers crossing the world's oceans?

Tell us what you know in 250 words
Ages 11 or younger

Win a Kindle
and have your work
published!

Teachers/Group Leaders notes

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WISTA-UK and Seavision seek to promote awareness of the maritime amongst young people in the UK. This writing competition follows a similarly themed photo competition (entries can be seen at <http://www.seavision.org.uk/competitions/comebySHIP>)

Discussion around the following bullet points are suggested to help in getting thoughts going on what they write about. Further material is available at www.seavision.org.uk and the short film "So What's the Sea Ever Done For Us" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VJy1Sljv30> is well worth watching.

- Ask how much of UK's imports arrive by sea – normal answers are 15 to 25%. The answer is 95%!
- A container ship travels the equivalent of three-quarters of the way to the moon and back in one year during its regular travel across the oceans.
- Ask what they know about shipping – perhaps a cross- channel or local ferry, cruise ship, fishing vessel, or large commercial vessels such as container ships or car carriers. What is your nearest port and what kind of ships come there?
- Do you know anybody who is a seafarer? 1.5 million seafarers are employed in the global shipping industry, with over 70,000 from the UK.
- 75% of our exports are shipped from UK sea ports.
- The UK's sea ports handle over half a billion tonnes of goods a year.
- Half the food eaten in the UK is imported and, of this, 95% comes by ship (a fact known by only two per cent of the public, according to a recent survey). Yet despite this, a quarter of us (27%) assume the bulk of our food comes by air and one in five of us (20%) think it comes by road!
- We're encouraging children to think about shipping and how it is responsible for so many things in our everyday lives. This competition can be part of the literacy or geography curriculum as a class or year activity, set as homework or made known to pupils to enter on a voluntary basis.
- Getting started is always the most difficult bit. Try one of these for size:
I went to the supermarket
Looking out of my car
My favourite thing
When I think of ships
Britain is an island and
I live (quite) near the sea

How much do you think it costs to bring items to UK by ship?
(figures in brackets are number that fit inside a 20 ft Container)

A child's scooter?	£0.96	(1,000)
A pair of jeans?	£0.10p	(10,000)
A smartphone?	£0.07p	(13,000)



How big are the ships that bring all these things?
The largest container ship carries almost 18,000 containers and is longer than 35 double decker buses parked end to end!

Competition Rules

1. Entries fall within two age categories (age as at 20th Dec 2014): Age 11 and Under, and 12-18 years.
2. Entry is free.
3. Essays should be up to 250 words for 11 and Under and between 250 and 500 words for entries in the 12 to 18 category. Entries must be in English and have to be related to movement of "goods" by ships, or anything connected to ships or ports.
4. Entries should be submitted by email to essay@comebyship.com along with your name, age and contact details**
This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.
5. Each category winner wins the prize of a kindle (kindly donated by the UK Chamber of Shipping).
Winning articles will be published in Lloyd's List, a long-established and highly respected shipping publication.
Proof of age will be required prior to award of any prize.
6. The closing date 20th December 2014.
7. The winning entries will be chosen by a panel of shipping industry and education sector experts
The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
8. WISTA UK reserves the right to alter or withdraw the competition at any stage.