## Comprehension 3

paragraph	I was sleeping in the cafeteria on the top deck. I was very lucky	
1	because if I had been able to afford the price of a cabin down	
	below, I could not have got off the ship. As soon as the furniture	
	began to move, I realised that the ship was sinking. I therefore	
	took off my boots, put on a warm jumper from my rucksack and	5
	searched for a life-jacket. By this time the ship was on its side and	
	would you believe it. It was only then that any message came	
	over the loudspeaker! "Emergency! Emergency!" That was all the	
	information we got. I saw many people so frightened that they just	
	stood there, rooted to the spot. What is more, the ship's lights had	10
	gone out so I had to find my way to a life-raft by moonlight.	
2	The ship went down in calm seas about ten minutes after I had	
	managed to scramble aboard one of the few life-rafts that had	
	been tossed into the sea. Then, a huge wave crashed on to the	
	raft and three of my fellow survivors were washed overboard. I	15
	quickly tied myself to the raft with the belt of my trousers. We spent	
	four or five hours adrift. During this time two of my companions	
	died. One was a little girl aged about ten. She died in my arms.	
3	Eventually, at dawn, a helicopter appeared to winch us off the	
	raft. I thought that I was in the best condition of us all, so I went up	20
	last. We were taken to a nearby island for medical treatment. Of the	
	14 people who made it onto the raft, only seven survived.	
	Even my body temperature had dropped to 86.9°F (30.5°C); the	
	doctors were amazed that I had managed to hold on.	
4	In the weeks that have passed since the tragedy, I have had one	25
	nightmare after another. I keep seeing the ship going down in a	
	red smoky haze and that little girls slipping away so quickly even as	
	I tried to hug some warmth into her. In my waking moments, I recall	
	my thoughts during those long hours adrift. I had done so	
	little with my life, so to have died of exposure on the open sea	30

wer ALL the questions in complete sentences.  Why was the writer sleeping in the cafeteria?
Why was the writer fortunate not to have been asleep in a cabin?
Why did the writer put on a jumper and take off his boots?
Besides sinking, what happened to the ship that night?
When did the ship sink?
Five of the writer's companions died before the helicopter arrived. Explain h
they lost their lives.
Where did the survivors go when they were rescued?
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9.	In line 27, the writer wrote "and that little girl slipping away". Who was "that
	little girl"? How did she die?
10.	Find a word from the passage which means
	(a) floating on water without being controlled
	(b) having no purpose, not worth doing
	(c) move quickly over something by using your hands
	(d) being out in very cold weather for too long

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