A. Describe the Picture

Describe the picture briefly.

B. Self Expression

Use the following expressions to answer the questions.

Agree
Disagree
Not sure

Travelling by ship is more relaxing than travelling by plane.

In the future, travelling by ship/boat will become obsolete.
## Words and Expressions

Check the pronunciation, meaning and usage of the words with your tutor.

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<td>aboard</td>
<td>We were welcomed by friendly flight attendants aboard.</td>
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<td>astounding</td>
<td>His astounding strategy earned this company its biggest investor.</td>
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<td>catastrophic</td>
<td>Any mistake in the measurements of the chemicals before mixing will result in a catastrophic explosion.</td>
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<td>earth-shattering</td>
<td>I have missed a lot of earth-shattering news worldwide because I could not get online for a week.</td>
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<td>plausible</td>
<td>This movie is very successful because it has a plausible plot.</td>
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<td>succumb</td>
<td>My very first pet succumbed to a rare disease.</td>
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<td>turbulent</td>
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This astounding story involves ships, December 5th, the Menai Strait in Wales and a lucky name.

On December 5, 1664, the tremendous waters in the Menai Strait sank a ship, claiming the lives of 81 passengers except one. The survivor’s name was Hugh Williams. The same horrendous accident happened to another ship on December 5, 1785. It was survived by only one passenger named Hugh Williams. 35 years later, on December 5, 1820, another ship succumbed to the waters in the Menai Strait. Everyone aboard drowned in the catastrophic incident except one - a passenger name Hugh Williams.

It's an earth-shattering coincidence, isn't it? If one notes that Hugh and Williams are popular Welsh names plus the fact that the coast of Wales is surrounded by turbulent waters, the story would sound more plausible than bizarre.

When you finish reading, summarize what the article says and explain it to your tutor.

1. Do you think a person's name could affect or determine his/her future? How?
2. How has naming babies changed in your culture over the years?
3. What do you think about travelling by ship/boat for 24 hours?
4. Which mode of transportation is the safest - bus, train, boat or plane? Why?
5. How has the invention of ships changed our civilization?
E. **Listening**

Listen to what your tutor will say and propose a solution for the problem presented.

Tutor: Read the article for the student.
Student: Listen to your tutor and try not to look at the article below.

My company has arranged a cruise for three days. I'm sure it's really nice because the ship is big— it has a pool, a golf course and a big lounge. We will be served with unlimited food and drinks while aboard. My problem is, I am seasick but I really need to join this cruise. What should I do?

E. **Make a suggestion**

Propose a solution to the following problem.

What do you think can a person learn from travelling a lot by sea?