

# Shipwrecked!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine you are John, writing a letter to your uncle back home. Tell him about your time on the ship, up until the ship's accident.

Dear Uncle,

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Here is a picture of the horse and goat I enjoy looking after.  
They are very good friends.

From, John

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Past-tense verbs describe an action that has already happened.

Present-tense verbs describe an action that is happening now, or that happens often.

Change the past-tense verbs in these sentences to the present tense. An example is done for you.

A tiny mewling sound **caught** catches John's attention.

When he **opened** \_\_\_\_\_ the lid, he **grinned** \_\_\_\_\_ to see Sarah's cat curled up there.

The quartermaster **spotted** \_\_\_\_\_ John and **sprang** \_\_\_\_\_ into action.

She **kicked** \_\_\_\_\_ anyone who **came** \_\_\_\_\_ near her, except for John.

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While it **pecks** pecked at the crumbs, John **creeps** \_\_\_\_\_ up from behind and **throws** \_\_\_\_\_ the dangling chain between his wrists over the turkey, pulling the bird close enough to grab.

The doctor **frowns** \_\_\_\_\_ and **points** \_\_\_\_\_ his finger at John.

The first thing John **notices** \_\_\_\_\_ when he **reaches** \_\_\_\_\_ the animal pen **is** \_\_\_\_\_ the captain pacing and shouting.

John **is** \_\_\_\_\_ thrown onto the deck as the crew members around him **spring** \_\_\_\_\_ into panicked action.

At dawn, John **creeps** \_\_\_\_\_ out of the pen to find the lifeboats already there.