



# Mysteries of the Sea

What happened to the crew aboard the *Mary Celeste* ship? Are there prehistoric reptiles still living in the sea? What legendary creature do giant squid resemble? Read *Mysteries of the Sea* to find out!

## What did you learn?

### QUESTIONS

1. The most famous mystery ship is the ...
  - a. *Mary Celeste*
  - b. *Mary Elizabeth*
  - c. *Celestial Mary*
  - d. *Saint Marie*
2. On April 25, 1977, the Japanese fishing ship *Zuiyo Maru* found a ...
  - a. Shipwreck
  - b. Giant squid
  - c. The dead body of a large sea animal
  - d. The lost city of Atlantis
3. The story of the kraken is ...
  - a. From a famous television show
  - b. An ancient Norse legend
  - c. A Greek myth
  - d. An ancient Egyptian god
4. The legend of the kraken is based on ...
  - a. Giant squids
  - b. The Loch Ness monster
  - c. Killer whales
  - d. Ghosts
5. What is a *legend*?
6. What is the *Dei Gratia*?

### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Aboard the <i>Mary Celeste</i> was Captain Benjamin Briggs, his wife, their 2-year-old daughter, and a crew of seven.   | _____ 4. Basking sharks can grow to more than 30 feet in length.   |
| _____ 2. Investigators have ruled out the possibility that those aboard the <i>Mary Celeste</i> tried to escape in the lifeboat because the ship was in danger of sinking. | _____ 5. Books printed in England in 1656 and 1755 describe krakens as legends.                          |
| _____ 3. The thing found by the <i>Zuiyo Maru</i> was definitely a seal.   | _____ 6. Squids do not have to breathe air, which probably explains why giant squids are so rarely seen. |



## ANSWERS

- 1. a. *Mary Celeste*.** According to section "The Mystery of the *Mary Celeste*" on page 6, we know that "The most famous of all such mystery ships is the *Mary Celeste*, built in 1861." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. The dead body of a large sea animal.** According to section "Are There Prehistoric Reptiles Still Living in the Sea?" on page 13, we know that "When the net was hauled up, the ship's crewmen saw that instead of a mass of wiggling, flopping fish, it contained the dead, rotting body of some enormous sea animal." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. b. An ancient Norse legend.** According to section "The Real Kraken" on page 20, we know that "An ancient Norse legend from Scandinavia tells that down in the deepest, darkest, coldest ocean waters there dwell enormous octopuslike monsters called krakens." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. a. Giant squids.** According to section "The Real Kraken" on page 23, we know that "But then, krakenlike creatures began to appear! In 1853, the body of a huge squid washed up onto a beach in Denmark." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 26, a *legend* is a "story coming down from the past, which many people have believed."
- 6.** According to page 9, the *Dei Gratia* was the ship that discovered the abandoned *Mary Celeste*.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "The Mystery of the *Mary Celeste*" on page 8, we know that "Aboard were Captain Benjamin Briggs, his wife, their 2-year-old daughter, and a crew of seven." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "The Mystery of the *Mary Celeste*" on page 10, we know that "Some investigators believed that they tried to escape in the lifeboat because the ship was in danger of sinking." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. False.** According to section "Are There Prehistoric Reptiles Still Living in the Sea?" on page 17, we know that "It might have been a seal, but the tail seemed much too long." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to section "Are There Prehistoric Reptiles Still Living in the Sea?" on page 18, we know that "Basking sharks are huge. They can grow to more than 30 feet (9.1 meters) in length." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "The Real Kraken" on page 22, we know that "Books printed in England in 1656 and 1755 describe krakens as if they were real and quite common." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section "The Real Kraken" on page 24, we know that "Squids do not have to breathe air, which probably explains why giant squids are so rarely seen." So, the correct answer is True.