

## Balled of the Tempest

1. There we kissed the little maiden 'The sailors did this because

Ans. She filled their hearts with hope

2. The captain's daughter had faith that

Ans-god would protect them

3. The sailors in darkness amidst the tempest could do nothing except-

ans. Praying

4 The sailors heard the rattling sound of

ans.: The breaking sound of the mast

5 The fearful thing in winter on the ocean is

Ans. the tempest

### 2-3 sentence

**1. Usually.storms are formed in the deep sea. What precaution have the sailors got to take before voyage?**

Ans.: Before setting out on a voyage, sailors have to make sure that the ship is strong enough to withstand any storm at sea. They have to be well stocked with food and water. They need life saving jackets and be sturdy swimmers.

**2.When the captain shouted. 'We are lost'. How did his daughter react?**

Ans.: His daughter held his hand and gently asked if God protected us on land would he not protect us when they are on ocean.

**3.The speaker and his crew-mates sat in darkness and prayed. What did they hear?**

Ans.: They heard the storm raging at sea, then the sailors sat in the darkness and prayed; The captain staggered down the stairs and shouted 'we are lost'.

**4. The crew mates kissed the maiden and spoke in better cheers. What made them feel cheerful?**

Ans.: The little girl asked her father if God protected them on land. Would he not protect them on the sea. Her faith in God brought hope to the sailors and they kissed her in joy.

**5. 'A ship is always safe at the shore, but it was not built for that' what does this mean?**

Ans.: A ship is built to take people and goods across the seas. If it just stays on the shore it will no doubt be unharmed, but would be of no use to anyone.

**6 The poet uses the phrase 'the hungry sea'. What can the reader imagine from this?**

Ans.: The poet personifies the sea hungry because when the storm is very severe, the huge waves will drown the ship and sailors as if the sea is very hungry.

### Extracts

**1. 'We were crowded in the cabin, Not a soul would dare to sleep'**

a. Who does the word 'we' refer to here?

Ans.: 'We' refer to the sailors.

b. Not a soul would dare to sleep-why was it so?

Ans.: Because the sailors were afraid that the storm would destroy the ship and their lives.

c. What does the word 'cabin' mean?

Ans- Shelter for sleep

**2. 'tis a fearful thing in the winter to be shattered by the blast**

a. What is to as a 'fearful thing'?

Ans.: To be caught in a fierce storm at sea in winter is the fearful thing.

b. How did it affect the sailors?

Ans. : The sailors lay awake saying a silent prayer in the dark.

c. Where did the fearful thig appear? What did it shatter?

Ans: The fearful thing appeared in the mid sea. It shattered the mast of the ship.

### **3 "We are lost!"The captain shouted**

a. Who does 'we' refer to?

ans: 'We' refers to the captain of the ship and his crewmates.

b. Why did he say so?

Ans: The storm was very fierce and the captain feared that the ship would be torn apart any moment.

c. How did his daughter react to the situation?

Ans : His daughter remained calm. Holding her father's hand she asked if God could protect them on land would he not protect them on sea

4. "Then we kissed the little maiden And we spoke in better cheer"

a. Who was the little maiden?

Ans.: The little maiden was the captain's daughter.

b. Why did they kiss her?

Ans.: The little girl brought back hope to the sailors by saying that God would protect them. So, they kissed her.

c. Who do we refer to?

Ans : sailors

### **Paragraph answer**

#### **Write in your own words the substance of the poem 'Ballad of the Tempest'**

Ans.: It was dark, stormy night in winter a ship was out at sea. Huge waves dashed against the ship and the roar of the sea filled the sailors with fear. They crowded together in one cabin. Even the bravest among them could not sleep. They just sat in the darkness and prayed. As the storm continued, the captain too gave up hope and said that nothing could save them. At that point, the captain's little daughter held his hand and quietly asked if God protected them on sea. Her faith in God filled the sailors with a new hope. By morning, the storm cleared and they reached harbor safely.