Ships are used to carry passengers and goods over short and long distances. Before the development of cheap air travel, both rich and poor people travelled by sea. Ferries are still important to local transport in maritime cities such as Hong Kong.

1. Name three ways you can travel between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon?

2. Do you know why there is no need for a Star Ferry to turn around? Find out the reason by looking at the model.

3. When the regular ferry had stopped running at night, people caught these “water taxis” to travel between Hong Kong and Kowloon. These are called:
   a. Walla-walla  
   b. Halla-halla  
   c. Nalla-nalla
   The panel titled “Vital Transport” can help you.

4. This is a real propeller from a Star Ferry. Is it taller than you? Find out how tall it is on the label.
People have to leave their own countries to start a new life in another place for many different reasons. In the past, they travelled by ship from China and went through Hong Kong.

Imagine you are someone who is leaving their home country, what would you take? Draw three things inside the suitcase above.

Travelling by sea can still be hazardous, but it was even more so in the past. Name a kind of disaster passengers might encounter. Looking at the painting of the vessel Skyluck and the panel “Escaping by Water” may give you some ideas.

People had to use ships to travel long distances. Passengers also like taking holidays on cruise liners.

Look at the Louis Vuitton suitcases. Circle the items on the list below that you think you might need to bring with you if you were going on a cruise ship holiday:

- Pyjamas
- Snacks
- Cutlery (forks, knives, spoons)
- Pillow cases
- Money
- Toilet paper
- Books

These Louis Vuitton suitcases were not designed for easy carrying. Don’t worry, though, a rich person going on a luxury cruise ship holiday would have someone else to carry luggage for them, just look at the white figures in the middle of this gallery!

Dinner on the first night on a cruise ship is a fancy affair. Fill in the menu below with what you would like to eat:

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