

The captain and the cabin boy

It's 1875. The Cutty Sark is a _____(1-schnell) ship on the way _____(2) China _____(3) England with _____(4) of tea on board. It's a very _____(5-weit) way from Shanghai to London. After only a week at _____(6) the ship _____(7-geraten) into _____(8) awful storm. Big waves _____(9-treffen) the ship and _____(10-werfen) the people aboard from one side of the deck to the _____(11-anderen). The sailors can't walk on _____(12) and the captain can't _____(13-halten) the wheel.

The captain is scared _____(14) the storm and tells _____(15) sailors to take the sails down. He _____(16) the cabin boy Ben Briggs to climb up, too. Ben is fourteen _____(17) old and he usually _____(18-arbeiten) in the cabins.

It _____(19) easy to climb up to the top of the sails in a storm, but it is the _____(20-Seeleute) normal work. But _____(21-für) Ben this work is new and so _____(22-sein) slow. The captain looks _____(23) Ben's slow climb and gets angry, _____(24) he thinks Ben is just scared and not brave. So he shouts loud: "Come down, Briggs — _____(25) in the way. _____(26) stand in the brave _____(27-Männer) way." Now the sailors _____(28-klettern) up to the sails very fast and take _____(29) down. The captain can hold the _____(30-Ruder) again, but he _____(31-brauchen) the _____(32-Obermaat) help. Everyone is tired, but _____(33) no time to sleep. The storm is very dangerous.

The captain is happy and says _____(34) his men: "We're all tired now and _____(35-brauchen) a drink. Hey Briggs, bring _____(36) something to drink." Ben runs and _____(37-kommen) back to the deck _____(38) water. But he _____(39) get to the men around the wheel, _____(40) just then a monster _____(41-Welle) hits the ship. Ben sees a lifebuoy and can hold on to _____(42) with one hand. Then the wave hits the men _____(43) the wheel and takes the first mate with _____(44) into the sea. The first mate can't swim and _____(45-schreien): "Help _____(46)! I can't swim! Save _____(47)!" The captain throws a lifebuoy to _____(48), but the first mate can't get to _____(49), _____(50) he can't swim. Then the captain tells _____(51) men to save the man with a lifeboat. But Ben knows the first mate _____(52-brauchen) help right away. There isn't _____(53-genug) time for the lifeboat to save the first mate. Ben thinks fast. He _____(54) wait for the lifeboat. He can swim and jumps into the water right away. He swims to the lifebuoy and takes _____(55) to the first mate. After that, Ben _____(56) swim away from the first mate, but stays with _____(57) till the lifeboat _____(58-kommen).

The captain watches how Ben saves _____(59) first mate. Well, that's how he finds out he _____(60-sein) wrong _____(61) his cabin boy. He's really sorry about his angry words. When Ben and the sailors are back on board, he thanks _____(62) very much. After the storm he talks to Ben. "_____ (63-sein) very brave, Briggs," he says, "and brave people make good sailors. I _____(64-sein) very happy to have _____(65) on Cutty Sark."