

Pugs of the Frozen North

Answers

1. They tell us that sea froze completely (because the weather suddenly became very cold).
2. Because it helps describe how the world is covered in white, as if someone has laid a sheet over it, when it becomes icy and snowy.
3. The usual sounds of the water rippling and splashing stop because the water is frozen. The silence is broken by the noise of creaking, caused by the effect of ice on the ship.
4. We know he doesn't want to get up because he 'snuggled deeper under his covers'.
5. It shows that they are blundering around before they have woken up properly and before they have properly opened their eyes. It shows they don't really seem to know what they are doing. The use of alliteration helps to emphasise this and make them more effective.
6. As he holds the rope, it snaps in his hands because it is icy and the sound of the ice breaking is like the sound of glass breaking.
7. The sea is frozen solid in waves which stand up in peaks a bit like meringues. There are 'tusks of ice' which stick into the ship.
8. They show that the ship is making strange noises almost as if it were a person or animal, as the ice grips onto it all around.
9. The crew do not seem used to this kind of weather because it describes them stumbling onto the deck and they don't really seem to know what they are doing. Also it says they'd 'never seen a sea like this before'.
10. the load carried by a ship
11. It does not seem well organized because the Captain has to keep shouting instructions and the crew seem to be standing around. They do not seem prepared for the bad weather because it says 'it came in the night'. They also seem to have an unusual mixture of cargo which they have been buying as they travel and it describes them as 'selling this and buying that'. This suggests they don't really have a clear plan of what they are buying and selling.
12. He seems to be slightly panicked and worried by the sudden winter weather because he shouts at the crew to help and get them out of being stuck in the ice and also he shouts that they 'must save the cargo'. This shows he may be in a panic about losing it.

