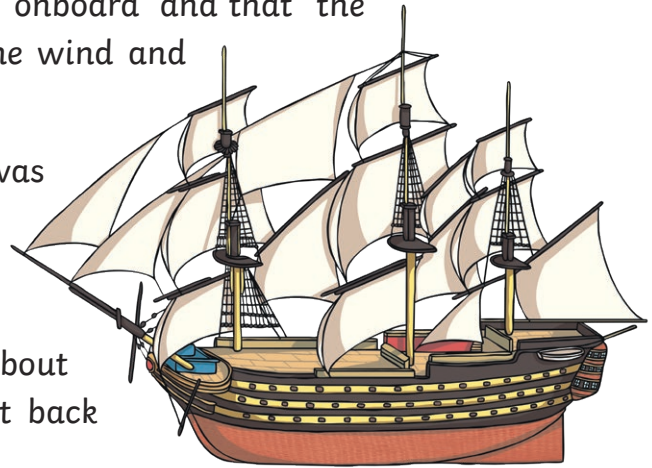


# Improving Your Reading with Vocabulary Victor: The Strange Ship



A long time ago, a mighty ship loaded with tourists was sailing from North China to Shanghai. Strong winds and storms made sailing tricky. The ship was still one week away from Shanghai when disease broke out onboard. Many passengers and sailors became too poorly to sail. Soon, it seemed like there would be no one left onboard and that the ship would just be controlled by the wind and the waves.

Only one of the ship's passengers remained healthy. He was a young boy named Ying-Lo. He found himself alone at sea. He was shivering with cold and soaked to the skin by the giant waves which towered high above the deck. He watched as the ship's broken sails flapped about wildly. Ying-Lo did not know how he would make it back to land.



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**Accept one of the following answers: giant; towered high.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: The word strange implies that the ship is not like another boat on the ocean and that something unusual may happen onboard it.**