

**Grade 5 Theme 6 Story 1**  
**“Across the Wide Dark Sea”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 606**

1. Read this sentence from the selection.

**We were crowded below deck in a space so low that my father could barely stand upright, and so cramped that we could scarcely stretch out to sleep.**

Which of these is most nearly the OPPOSITE of *crowded*?

- A. cramped  
(incorrect meaning of word)
- B. spacious \*
- C. tight fitting  
(incorrect meaning of word)
- D. pushed together  
(incorrect meaning of word)

**LA.A.2.2.7 Compare and Contrast pg. 606**

2. What did the boy’s family have that the other families did not?

- A. tools for building  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
- B. crates of chickens  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
- C. furniture and clothing  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
- D. an area away from the damp and cold \*

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**LA.E.2.2.1 Cause and Effect pgs. 608-613**

3. What is the MAIN reason the passengers are going to the new land?
- A. to learn how to be sailors  
(incorrect cause)
  - B. to worship as the pleased \*
  - C. to journey to an unknown land  
(incorrect cause)
  - D. to experience sailing across the sea  
(incorrect cause)

**LA.E.1.2.2 Plot and Conflict pgs. 610-613**

4. What problem occurred that almost forced the ship to return to England?
- A. People became ill.  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
  - B. The main beam cracked. \*
  - C. There was no land in sight.  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
  - D. The passengers were cold and wet.  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)

**LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pgs. 610-613**

5. With which of these statements would the author of “Across the Wide Dark Sea” MOST likely agree?
- A. Crossing the sea was a wonderful experience.  
(inappropriate inference about the author’s purpose)
  - B. There are too many storms to try to cross the sea.  
(inappropriate inference about the author’s purpose)
  - C. The trip across the sea was a long, dangerous journey. \*
  - D. This ship was too small and helpless to cross the vast ocean.  
(inappropriate inference about the author’s purpose)

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**LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pg. 613 #16**

6. If the story, “Across the Wide Dark Sea” needed a new title, which would be BEST?
- A. “Man Overboard”  
(fact/detail from passage, but not the main idea)
  - B. “Dangerous Days at Sea”  
(fact/detail from passage, but not the main idea)
  - C. “Looking for an Unknown Land”  
(fact/detail from passage, but not the main idea)
  - D. “Sailing in Search of Religious Freedom” \*

**LA.E.1.2.3 Similarities and Differences pg. 614 #19**

7. Which words BEST describe the feelings of the passengers after they reached land?
- A. sad and fearful  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
  - B. fearful and angry  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
  - C. happy and worried \*
  - D. wishful and doubtful  
(plausible but incorrect based on text)