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Language point: Articles

Phil (voiceover)

It's day 50. We've made it to Papua New Guinea and **the capital city** of Port Moresby. **People** here seem to be wearing **masks** – I think there's some kind of festival going on. Anyway, this is where we're getting out yacht properly fixed. It needs to be good enough for **the next part of our journey**. We've decided to sail in a straight line across the Pacific Ocean and then, well, we're taking **a short cut** through **the Panama Canal**. It's a long, long way so we need plenty of **supplies** ... but there's **a problem**...

Phil

What's wrong Sophia? You look a bit worried.

Sophia

Well I've got all our supplies – **milk, water, bread, tea, bird food for the parrot** – but I haven't got any money to pay for them. We left **Sao Tome** in such a rush that I didn't bring any.

Phil

Don't worry – here, use my credit card.

Sophia

They don't take **credit cards** here... just cash.

Phil

Oh really? I don't have much cash either – we could get some wired over to us or maybe Passepartout...

PP

Well don't look at me – I haven't got any cash – I've just used all my money to buy this *Savi* mask – isn't it beautiful? **A real work of art**. You need to collect one for your challenge, don't you?

Phil

Yes I do - well done. Well, if we haven't got any cash, we'll have to sell some of our things. How about **the parrot**?

Sophia

We can't do that – I've given it **a name** – **Peggy**.

Phil

That's **a nice name** Sophia. So, no, we can't sell **Peggy**. I'll find some books and clothes and things to sell.

Phil

*We've made some money and we've got some food and drink. We even had some money left over to buy some lobsters and wine. I'm going to cook **a slap-up meal** for **the crew** - but not yet: I'm going to wait until we've sailed for a few days and we're all feeling a bit tired. So off we go again – let's hope **the wind** is behind us.*

PP

Right, shall we take turns to work and sleep? This time, two people can stay on deck while one of us sleeps. **The parrot** can do what he wants. We don't want any more little accidents, do we Sophia?

Sophia

Ha ha, very funny. Look, I'll get all **the sails** up – with this wind behind us we should make up some time – just steer us in **the right direction!** And Phil, are you OK down there in **the galley**?

Phil

Oh yes fine, I'm just cooking us something special to say 'thank you' for all your hard work.

Sophia

You know **the way to a woman's heart** is through her stomach!

PP

Hmm, aren't those lobsters we bought getting a bit old? Maybe we should eat **the parrot** instead?!

Phil

*Everyone's tucking into my meal of boiled lobster, fried potatoes and **a pineapple salad** with **white wine** to drink. For **dessert** I'm serving up fresh coconut. It's amazing what you can cook in such a small kitchen. I'm quite pleased with myself and they seem to be enjoying it but of course, Passepartout is complaining again... as usual...*

PP

An interesting meal Phil – but was **the lobster** cooked properly? It had a funny taste and... to be honest... I'm feeling rather... sick.

Phil

Too much wine I expect!

Sophia

He's right... Phil.... there was something... funny... I'm going to be... sick.

PP

Oh dear. I feel fine - but that's because there wasn't enough lobster for me to eat. Ermm... are you both ok?

PP and Sophia

No!

PP

Take charge... you need to sail **the yacht**.

Phil

*Food poisoning! I've made **the crew** ill and now I'm **the only person** well enough to sail **the yacht**. (Talking to self) Now stay calm Phil, I can do this. I can do this. Peggy, do you know how to sail? Of course not, you're **a parrot**. Right, I'm going east and heading for **land** at 17 degrees south, 149 degrees west. There's **a dirty mark** on **the map** so I can't see what **the place** is called. Oh no, **the weather** is getting stormy but I can do this – I need to show Sophia and Passepartout I can sail this yacht by myself so here goes...*

Phil

Ah Passepartout, how are you feeling?

PP

A little better. Sophia's in **the toilet**: she's still feeling bad. Oh, well done for sailing **the yacht**.

Phil

Oh, you know, it's quite easy with a bit of practice. But **the wind's** getting stronger and there's **a storm** coming – could you help move some of **the sails** around... please?

PP

I'm afraid... I can't.

Phil

Oh well, hold tight everyone, I'm going to have to do this alone. I think I can see **land**... but oh no, I can see **rocks** too... maybe I should close my eyes.

Sophia

Phil, pull that rope there...

Phil

*How did I end up in this situation? I'm sailing **a yacht**, by myself, in **a storm**. I'm going to hit **the rocks**, I'm sure I am. First I **poison the crew**; now I'm going to drown them too. Where is **this harbour**? Oh, I want to go **home**!*

Vocabulary: Cooking

slap-up meal

large and very good meal

tucking into

starting to eat food with great enthusiasm

serving up

bringing food to a table and/or putting food onto plates for people to eat

dessert

sweet food that people eat after a main meal

food poisoning

an illness affecting your stomach, caused by old or badly cooked food