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# Cruises



# Mini Lecture

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## Lesson Plan: Cruises

**Lesson:** Lecture Listening.

**Time:** 1 hour.

**Level:** \*\*\*\*\*[B1/ B2/C1].

### Lesson Aim:

*To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.*

### Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'cruising'.
- What is a cruise?
- Have you ever been on a cruise or know anyone who has?
- What do you think about this type of holiday?

### Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes]

**Video** (04:12): <https://youtu.be/So-Wnlxxwt32>

**MP3:** <https://www.academic-englishuk.com/2021/Cruise-Ships-Lecture-AEUK-.mp3>

- Give out the '**Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet**'.
- Students check key vocabulary.

### **Option 1**

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give 2 minutes to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

### **Option 2**

- Students listen & take notes (*Use paper or the PPT slides*).
- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

### **Post lecture extra ideas**

- Write a 100-word summary of the lecture.
- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document: <https://www.academic-englishuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Critical-Questions-a-linear-model-AEUK.pdf> (writing, presentation or seminar).
- Research another cruise ship company (presentation or seminar).
- Research the positives and negatives of the cruise industry (presentation or seminar).

## Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet

### Task 1: Key Vocabulary

Check these words before listening:

*Operated by. sheer size. decks. crew members. a shopping bill. features. the crowning glory. a split superstructure. tropical. promenade. floating. internal cabin. a balcony. all-inclusive. excursions. alcoholic beverage. a package. a transfer. shore. demand. seasonality.*

### Lecture Listening

Listen to the lecture on the biggest cruise ship in the world and fill in the information below.



### Task 2: Table Completion

Fill in the figures about the ship:

1) Weight (tons)		2) Length (m)		3) Height (m)		4) Decks	
5) Passengers		6) State rooms		7) Crew			
8) Restaurants		9) Meals per day		10) Shopping bill			___ / 10

### Task 3: Name three features on the ship:

i)		ii)		iii)		___ / 3
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### Task 4: How much is a 7-day Caribbean cruise for two people?


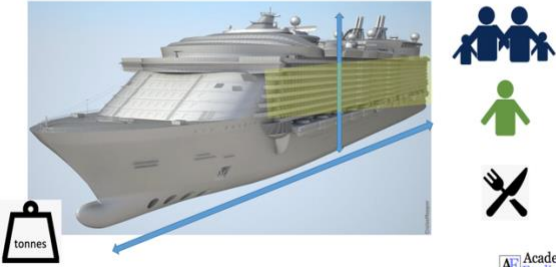



Fill in the missing spaces with numbers or words (first letter given).

Prices start at i) £\_\_\_\_\_ for an internal cabin without a window. If you'd like a room with a balcony and sea view, this will cost ii) £\_\_\_\_\_. There are some services not included these are iii) \_\_\_\_\_ speciality restaurants, iv) S\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_, spa and sauna, alcoholic beverages, non-alcoholic beverages and v) I\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_. Extra packages for these services average at vi) £\_\_\_\_\_ to £50 each per person per day. The overall cost with all the extras, transfer flights and VAT added is vii) £\_\_\_\_\_.  
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**Total Score** \_\_\_ / 20

## PowerPoint Slides

Listen to the lecture and take notes using the PPT slides

<h3>The Symphony of the Seas</h3>  <p>AE Academic English UK</p>	
<h3>Facts &amp; Figures</h3>  <p>AE Academic English UK</p>	
<h3>Features</h3>   <p>Tropical Park</p> <p>AE Academic English UK</p>	
<h3>How much does a cruise holiday cost?</h3>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal cabin</li> <li>• Balcony &amp; sea view</li> <li>• Speciality restaurants</li> <li>• Excursions</li> <li>• Spa &amp; sauna</li> <li>• Beverages</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Extra packages</li> <li>• Transfers</li> <li>• +VAT</li> </ul> <p>AE Academic English UK</p>	

## Symphony of the Seas Lecture Transcript

(C. Watts 2021)

*Hello and welcome to this mini lecture today on the world's largest cruise ship the 'Symphony of the Seas' owned and operated by Royal Caribbean International. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). The ship is currently located in the Caribbean offering short 7-night cruises from Miami to the Bahamas and back.*

*So, let's begin with some figures on the sheer size of this ship. First of all, the weight: she weighs 228,000 tonnes. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). The ship has a large number of cabins or as they are called on the ship 'staterooms'; in total it has 2,759 staterooms. This means that it can carry a significant number of guests. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). Obviously, these guests need to be serviced day and night, so as well as all the guests, there are also 2200 crew members. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). These meals are served across the 22 restaurants on the ship and on top of this it has a gigantic food shopping bill of just under £1million a week.*

*The boat is packed with an unbelievable number of features such as a water park, a full-size basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a 1400-seat theatre, an outdoor aquatic theatre, rock-climbing walls and so on. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons).*

*It is claimed that cruising is great value because you pay one all-inclusive price that includes everything. So, let's see how much a 7-day Caribbean cruise for two people on the Symphony of the Seas would cost in August 2021. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). This price is doubled as each cabin is for two paying guests so this amounts to £3080. It's important to note that a number of services are not included in the all-inclusive price. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). It is possible to pay for these services individually or buy extra packages averaging at £25-£50 each per person per day.*

*Overall, the costs add up and with all the extras the This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real transcript go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). Flights from London to Miami at £800. This is not the true content of the transcript, please purchase the download for the real text go to [academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons](http://academic-englishuk.com/instant-lessons). This is the true price for an 'all-inclusive' Caribbean cruise.*

*Ok, to sum up. Cruising has become an incredibly popular type of holiday with on average 30 million people globally going on cruise ships every year. It seems true to say that the ship itself has now become the destination. Thank you.*

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## Listening ANSWERS

### Task 2: Table Completion

Figures of the size of the ship

1) Weight (tons)	300,000	2) Length (m)	344	3) Height (m)	94	4) Decks	16
5) Passengers	6,500	6) State rooms	3759	7) Crew	4200		
8) Restaurants	18	9) Meals per day	20,000	10) Shopping bill	£2m		

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### Task 3: Name three features on the ship:

i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A water park.</li> <li>• A basketball court.</li> <li>• Ice-skating rink.</li> </ul>	ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1400-seat theatre.</li> <li>• Outdoor aquatic theatre.</li> <li>• Rock-climbing walls.</li> </ul>	iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tropical park.</li> <li>• Shops and cafes.</li> <li>• A promenade.</li> </ul>
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### Task 4: How much is a 7-day Caribbean cruise for two people?

Fill in the missing spaces with numbers or words.

Prices start at i) **£1000** for an internal cabin without a window. If you'd like a room with a balcony and sea view this will cost ii) **£2000**. There are some services not included these are iii) 20 speciality restaurants, iv) **shore excursions**, spa and sauna, alcoholic beverages, non-alcoholic beverages and v) **internet access**. Extra packages for these services average at vi) **£15** - £50 each per person per day. The overall cost with all the extras, transfer flights and VAT added is vii) **£5,500**.

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